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Census Coming

The 1930 U.S. census will be released in April. Researchers will be able to search the census at National Archives Buildings in Washington, D.C., and in regional archives on April first. Microfilm copies of the census should be available at Family History Centers and major libraries throughout the country shortly after April 1 (if they already have it on order). Unfortunately, most of this census is not indexed. When the census was taken, each area was divided into enumeration districts. These enumeration districts were outlined on maps. Microfilm of these maps is available with the census. If a family address is known for 1930, one can use the map microfilm to identify the enumeration district and thus only need to read that portion of the county. Additional information regarding the 1930 census can be found at http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/1930cen.html. Additional information on how to use this census record is available at http://www.rootsweb.com/~census/help/1930.htm.

Watch for requests for volunteers to index this census!

New On Interlibrary Loan

Interlibrary Loan has been one of the primary ways to obtain copies of census microfilm and local histories without having to travel. Recently, the availability of book resources via interlibrary loan increased greatly. The National Genealogical Society and the St. Louis Public Library have entered into an agreement to place the circulating collection of the National Genealogical Society in the St. Louis Library and to make these resources available to all researchers via interlibrary loan. Their online catalogs can be used to search this collection: www.slpl.lib.mo.us or http://www.ngsgenealogy.

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Biographical Sketches

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ABIJAH WELLS, attorney, of the firm of Wells & Curran is a son of William R. and Betsey K. (Skinner) Wells, both of whom were born and reared in Orange County, N. Y. They married, June 2, 1832, in Susquehanna County Pa., and in 1845 "came West," locating in La Salle County, Ill. The year 1856 found them located on Illinois Creek, Nemaha County, Kan., where they lived about nine years, coming thence to their present home, Seneca, where on June 22, 1882, their "golden wedding" was fitly celebrated by the assembling of a large party of relatives and friends, and the bestowal of suitable presents and reminders that the fine old couple had happily passed the "fiftieth mile-stone" of their wedded life. Abijah Wells was born June 12, 1840, in Susquehanna County, Pa., was educated in La Salle Ill., and in the Kansas Agricultural College. In 1867, he, after teaching school three years, was elected Clerk of the District Court; served out his term; was elected Register of Deeds; re-elected; then elected County Superintendent of Instruction, serving in that capacity from 1874 to 1877. Mr. Wells has studied law from the time he was twenty-three, and in 1866 was admitted to the bar of his county. The present partnership with J. F. Curran was formed in January, 1881. During the early part of that year, Mr. Wells was editor and proprietor of the Seneca Tribune, which he 'converted' to the true faith of Republicanism, and sold it to its present owner and editor. Mr. Wells has been a Republican since he became a voter; is a prominent member of the Universalist Church of Seneca, and is thoroughly identified with the town and country in every way. He is a Knight Templar in Free Masonry, is now H. P. of Nemaha Chapter No. 32, and is also a member of Nemaha Lodge No. 19, I. O. O. F. He married Miss Loretta C. Williams, and they have five children, all natives of Nemaha County, Kan.

WEST E. WILKINSON. editor Seneca Courier, was born at Berrien Springs, Mich., March 21, 1846, remaining there until 1862. Then entered the Independent office at Buchanan, Mich., for the purpose of learning the printer's trade. In the fall of the same year he was called home by his father's death, staying at Berrien Springs until spring, when he proceeded to Dayton, Ohio, entering the office of the Dayton Journal to complete his apprenticeship. This purpose achieved, he declined a proffered foremanship, taking a place in the Telescope Book Office and Stereotype Foundry. In 1865, returned to Buchanan, where he acted as foreman of the Advent Christian publishing, printing and press rooms, remaining there until 1870, when he emigrated to Waterville, Kan., entering into partnership with Frank A. Root, in the

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From "Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas" Andreas' History of Kansas

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publication of the Telegraph. In 1871, the firm removed to Seneca and purchased the Courier, Mr. Wilkinson subsequently assuming the sole proprietorship. Was married at Buchanan, Mich., April 8, 1869, to Mary F. McLellan, of Brunswick, Me. They have had three children, one of whom they have lost. Those living are Paul and Hugh.

CAPT. A. W. WILLIAMS was born March 21, 1818, in Rochester, N. Y. From his fourteenth to his twenty-fourth year he resided in Oakville, Canada. In 1842, he located as an architect and builder in Marion, Linn Co., Iowa; thence, in the spring of 1857, he came to Kansas, and in 1858, under the townsite law pre-empted a half-section of land, and laid out the town of Sabetha. [See General History.] He was carrying on mercantile business here in 1861, when he raised 14 volunteers, 100 of whom entered the service as Company D, of the Eighth Kansas, with himself as Captain. He resigned the position in 1863, on account of ill health. In 1870, he sold out his entire property in Sabetha to an agent of the St. J. & W. R. R. Co., and began the hardware business in Seneca. After a few years, by an exchange of town property he came into possession of his fine farm, a mile and a half south of Seneca, where he has since lived in comparative retirement. Capt. Williams married in Marion, Linn Co., Iowa, Miss Mary A. Nordyke, of Vienna, Ohio. They have two sons - Justus H. and Charles B., both useful and respected citizens, and four daughters - Loretta (now Mrs. Wells), Eliza (Mrs. Masheter), Mary (Mrs. Magill), and Olive. The youngest son and daughter are with the old folks, who rank among the earliest and most successfully progressive in Nemaha county.

J. H. WILLIAMS, merchant of Seneca, son of Capt. A. W. Williams, a man closely connected with the civil war and military history of Kansas, as he was founder of Sabetha in 1857, and won his shoulder-straps while serving in the Eighth Kansas. J. H. Williams was born in 1845, in Lancaster Wis., came to Kansas with his parents in 1857, resided with them at Sabetha until 1866, in which year he located at Seneca, and in connection with Mr. Abijah Wells prepared the first numerical index and abstract of title of real estate in the Register's office for Nemaha County. He was appointed Clerk of the Circuit in 1867, and elected to same office in fall of 1868, which he held until 1870. In January, 1868, he was married to Miss Eliza M. Perry, daughter of J. C. Perry, of Sabetha, formerly of Wellsburg, W. Va. From 1870 to 1875 Mr. Williams traveled as general agent for Geo. H. Grant & Co., of Richmond, Ind., manufactures of school furniture. In March, 1875,

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WPA Obituary Index

For Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas Newspapers

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Broadbent	Mrs. Wilson	26	22	1922
Broadbent	Muriel V.	9	22	1922
Broadbent	Wilson	52	32	1932
Brocamp	Ed	10	34	1934
Brock	Eva	51	75	1875
Brock	Mrs. J. F.	47	21	1921
Brokamp	Agnes	28	22	1922
Brokamp	August	33	25	1925
Brokamp	H.	44	17	1917
Brokamp	H. Sr.	14	19	1919
Brokamp	Katherine	24	20	1920
Brokamp	Mrs. Bernadine	73	32	1932
Bronaugh	Mrs. M.	39	71	1871
Bronine	Mrs. J. A.	36	75	1875
Brook	Mrs. Caroline	18	7	1907
Brooke	George	20	71	1871
Brooks	A. A.	51	17	1917
Brooks	Arlis	5	0	1900
Brooks	Wm.	28	26	1926
Brothers	Alice	22	32	1932
Brougher	Herman	92	30	1930
Browell	Wm.	30	88	1888
Brower	Abraham	12	6	1906
Brower	Mrs. J.	14	23	1923
Browlser	Morgan	27	6	1906
Brown	Adeline	21	27	1927
Brown	B. C.	31	18	1918
Brown	Clemy	38	73	1873
Brown	E. R. (2nd Sec)	9	24	1924
Brown	Ester	40	31	1931
Brown	George	10	78	1878
Brown	Grant	79	36	1936
Brown	Harry R.	25	6	1906
Brown	Ira W.	75	32	1932
Brown	James L.	102	29	1929
Brown	Jason	32	7	1907
Brown	Jason	2	7	1907
Brown	John	1	94	1894
Brown	Lloyd B.	1	25	1925
Brown	Maxine	50	22	1922
Brown	Mrs. E. C.	45	19	1919
Brown	Mrs. Francis E.	20	85	1885
Brown	Mrs. J. M.	13	87	1887
Brown	Mrs. Louise	40	18	1918
Brown	Mrs. M.	24	11	1911
Brown	Mrs. M. E.	33	1937	1937
Brown	Mrs. R. I.	5	30	1930
Brown	Mrs. Willis	41	85	1885
Brown	Willie	14	18	1918
Brown	Kathryn	34	34	1934
Brownfield	A. M.	14	24	1924
Brownlee	Delia	2	30	1930
Broxter	Mrs. J.	11	7	1907
Broxterman	Chris	13	25	1925
Broxterman	Frank	16	93	1893
Broxterman	J. H.	50	10	1910
Broxterman	Joe	76	33	1933
Broxterman	Mrs. M. M.	23	23	1923
Broxterman	Mrs. Margaret	25	8	1908
Broxterman	Will	8	29	1929
Brubaker	L. D.	43	25	1925
Bruce	Mrs. Jane	48	21	1921
Brudick	Henry	51	5	1905
Brumbaugh	A. J.	28	32	1932
Brumbaugh	baby	59	1937	1937
Brumbaugh	Clarence	42	35	1935
Brumbaugh	Eleanor J.	48	34	1934
Brumbaugh	Elizabeth	22	34	1934
Brumbaugh	John N.	16	29	1929
Brumer	John	39	80	1880
Brummet	G. W.	46	5	1905
Brummett	Mrs. Ralph	16	30	1930
Bruner	John	18	7	1907
Bruner	Louis	13	0	1900
Bruner	Mrs. Earnest	26	30	1930
Bruner	Robert P.	3	21	1921
Brunner	Dale A.	24	29	1929
Brunner	Eldon	48	36	1936
Brunner	Rudy	23	1936	1936
Bryan	Dottie	9	89	1889
Bryant	Leo	34	89	1889
Buchanan	Margaret	39	17	1917
Buchanan	Mary	39	17	1917
Buck	Frank J.	10	20	1920
Buck	Harlan	45	75	1875
Buckbee	Mrs. B. A.	40	89	1889
Buckler	George	21	21	1921
Buckler	Mrs. E.	25	24	1924
Bueltel	Leo	46	35	1935
Buening	Mrs. Mary	88	36	1936
Buessing	Mrs. Joe	91	35	1935
Buetel	Henry	20	6	1906
Buhr	baby	38	87	1887
Buklmoyer	Gladys	43	4	1904

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As abstracted from WPA cards located in the Seneca Public Library

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with his family he went to California, and returned in August of same year. In 1866, he had the management of the mercantile business owned by J. Van Loan, formerly known as the 'Grange Store.' In November, 1877, Mr. Williams bought the stock and business of Mr. Van Loan, and adopted the name 'Trade Palace' for his store, his line being dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, etc. He has been a successful business man, liberal-hearted and public-spirited. He organized the 'Seneca Board of Trade,' with nearly one hundred members, of which he was elected President. He is a member of the Universalist Church, and in politics has always worked and voted with the Republicans.

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From "Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas" Andreas' History of Kansas

Immigration & Naturalization Journals

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Immigration and Naturalization Comm. Journals
Form I-IP
Nemaha County, Kansas

Family Name	Given Name	Vol.	Pg
Capsey	Edwin	E	385
Carrold	John	C	98
Chiek	Barnabas P	D	135
Christ	Gottlieb	E	455
Colett	John	J	151
Cross	James	D	397
Dam	John Peter	I	518
Denman	F	H	485
Denzel	Edward	G	80
Deters	Barney	J	565
Donnall	Hugh 0	A	209
Dreier	Frank H	D	208
Droge	Conrad	C	197
Droge	William	G	348
Dulac	Baptis	C	279
Dunegan	Patrick	A	235
Edgington	Walter	H	329
Eisenbarth	Michall	E	368
Faragher	H N	G	458
Feldmann	Baltz	J	572
Fenlage	Frank	G	457
Finch	Christian M K	D	400
Fischer	Henry	H	107
Fish	Edmund	J	27
Fish	Edward	J	28
Fitzpatrick	John	F	434
Flintie	Henry	B	602
Fuller	John	D	313
Fuller	William	J	37
Gebhert	John Adolph	B	266

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Obituaries

Continued from Nov. 2001

Abstracted by Pauline Esslinger and Dorothy Pearl Murphy from the Seneca newspapers in the collection of the Nemaha County Historical Society and Seneca Public Library

1948

Bielby	A. J.	1/26/1948	1
Bielby	A. J.	1/26/1948	1
Biendorf	Frederick Carl	12/16/1948	81
Bixby	Mrs. Albert	1/1/1948	1
Bixby	Mrs. Albert	1/1/1948	1
Blough	Garland	1/19/1948	1
Blough	Garland W.	1/19/1948	1
Boeding	August John	9/20/1948	1
Bonjour	Helen Agusta	1/8/1948	6
Boomer	Martin	10/14/1948	2
Boozikee	Charles	4/1/1948	8
Bowman	Jock	5/24/1948	2
Bowman	Jock W.	6/7/1948	5
Boydston	Henry	10/14/1948	1
Boydston	Irene	2/2/1948	2
Boydston	Irene M.	1/29/1948	1
Boydston	Irene M.	1/29/1948	1
Boydston	Irene M.	2/2/1948	2
Brack	Newton	5/20/1948	5
Brinker	Frank	2/26/1948	1
Brinker	Frank	2/26/1948	1
Brinkow	Almon	4/26/1948	1
Brock	Martt	8/9/1948	8
Broderson	Glenna	9/30/1948	6
Brodrick	Carl J.	1/8/1948	1
Bronaugh	Mrs.J. N.	12/9/1948	1
Broxterman	Anna	3/29/1948	1
Broxterman	Anna	5/6/1948	6
Burdett	Ann E	8/30/1948	6
Burget	Dorsey	6/24/1948	6
Burget	Dorsey E.	6/28/1948	6
Burkart	Verlyn	1/22/1948	8
Burke	Mary Ellen	12/9/1948	3
Burns	I. N.	12/16/1948	7
Burns	Nellie	12/9/1948	5
Butler	Walter	1/19/1948	1
Butler	Walter	1/19/1948	1
Bynres	Ina	2/19/1948	1
Byrnes	Ina	2/19/1948	1
Camp	Sidney H.	2/26/1948	4
Campbell	Jessie	12/16/1948	2
Campbell	Sgt. Michael G.	5/17/1948	1
Casey	Jennie	2/2/1948	6
Casey	Jennie	1/29/1948	8
Casey	Jennie	2/2/1948	6
Casey	Mrs. Walter	1/26/1948	4
Cassity	Lillie Bell	11/4/1948	8
Chance	Joseph	10/21/1948	4
Chandler	Hattie E	8/19/1948	4
Channel	Mary Rhodes	3/8/1948	1
Channel	Mary Rhodes	3/11/1948	1
Chapman	Evelyn Caroline	1/12/1948	6
Chapman	Evelyn Caroline	1/8/1948	6
Chapman	Evelyn Caroline	1/12/1948	6
Chapman	Mrs. Dewey	1/8/1948	6
Charles	Cooley Pence	2/26/1948	1
Chase	Clarence Elmer	9/2/1948	4
Chilcoat	Mrs. J. R.	11/8/1948	1
Chilcoat	Mrs. R. J.	11/11/1948	8
Chilcoat	Samuel William	9/20/1948	2
Chilson	Rickey Eldon	11/1/1948	1
Churchill	F. M.	1/8/1948	1
Clark	Patric W.	1/19/1948	2
Clowe	Staff Sgt Eugene C.	7/5/1948	1
Coe	W. L.	8/5/1948	5
Coles	J. C.	3/22/1948	6
Conlin	James S.	4/23/1948	5
Conner	Mellisa	1/19/1948	2
Conwell	James	1/1/1948	4
Cooley	Charley	10/14/1948	5
Cooley	Will	9/27/1948	4
Cooley	William Henry	10/4/1948	3
Cordon	Frank L.	10/4/1948	4
Cornell	John E.	7/22/1948	1
Cottrell	Charles C.	8/19/1948	8
Cottrell	Roger	11/8/1948	6
Cox	George	3/4/1948	6
Cox	Getta	8/5/1948	1
Crane	Martha Stella	5/6/1948	1
Critchlow	Perlee	11/25/1948	1
Cross	Almeda	5/10/1948	6
Crumbaker	Dale Allen	1/8/1948	1
Cummins	Clifford S.	6/28/1948	6
Curtin	Mary Florence	4/22/1948	1
Dannecker	Theresa	2/2/1948	1
Davenport	Lydia Mae	2/2/1948	1
Davenport	Lydia Mae	2/5/1948	6
Davenport	Lydia Mae	2/5/1948	5
Davenport	Theresa	2/2/1948	1

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From Seneca newspapers

Sts. Peter and Paul Graduates

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The Courier-Tribune
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1938

"Sts. Peter and Paul Parochial School dates from September 1870"

Class of 1934
Jusing becker
Ermelinda boeding
Florece Gaughan
Lester Haug
Wilbert Haug
Joseph Karnowski
Elanor Kohake
Lucille Kohake
Eileen Mohan
Vincent Rethman
Elizabeth Roder
M. Ellen Rosengarten
LaVonne Schuesseler
William Strohmeyer
Kathleen Waller
Catherine Wempe
Charles Wempe
Edith Wempe
Eleanor Wempe

Class of 1935
Bernard Becker
Aelred Bergman
Eitner Brinker
Ray Guth
Genevieve Lauer
Leonard Holthaus
Hilda Lita Rethman
Evelyn Rosengarten

Class of 1936
Alma Boeding
Benedict Engelken
Francis Engelken
Leonard Koehler
Placida Koelzer
Alfred Kohake
Wilfred Kramer
Rose Mary Olberding
Bernice Ronnebaum
Mary-Louise Schuessler
Cora Beth Seeberger
Lynn Strohmeyer
Amanda Vondekamp
Lee Waller
Edmund Wassenberg
Thelma Wempe
Jean Wempe
Gerald Wempe
Louis Wiegeis
Loena Zind

Class of 1937
Edmund Becker
Mildred Bergman
Ambrose Boeding
Fridolin Boeding
Mary Fleming
Rita Gaughan
Margaret Guth
Mary Guth
Eileen Haug
Rita Koehler
Rena Kohake
Edith Kohake
Erma Liening
Frances Ronnebaum
Kathryn Sack
Bernice Schafer
Charlotte Schafer
Sylvester Skoch
Ethel Smirl
Bernard Stein
Henrietta Strathman
Kathryn Woltkamp
Virginia Wempe
Dolores Wichman
Lawrence Winterscheidt

Class of 1938
John J. Adam
Virgil Altenhofen
Catherine Andres
Harlan Becker
Dorothy Brinker
George Buser
Helen Catlin
Gertrude Gudenkauf
Thomas Gudenkauf
Lela Haug
Valentine Koehler
Alma Kramer
Leonard Lauer
Nadine Liening
Alma Luckeroth
Elmer Olberding
Lawrence Roberts
Raphael Roeder
Ralph Rosengarten
Winifred Sack
Wilfred Sach
Helen Schurman
Rosella Shaw
Virgil Smith
Donald Strohmeyer
Eugene Strohmeyer
Coletta Weber
Rosalia Wempe
Mary Alice Wempe
Marguerite Zind

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City of Corning

Seneca Courier Democrat
Aug. 17, 1900
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A Hospitable Host
Pleasant Place
Progressive People

Many talented pencils and fluent pens have turned their attention to a description of many beauties and attractions of fertile valleys, broad plains, and mountain scenery, but few men have given a truthful description of the real beauties and the real values of Nemaha County. Upon the sunny slopes and verdant valleys of Illinois Township the haud of nature seems in truth to have seen "so lavish of her store that she bestowed until she had no more." As each new scene in the shifting panorama of golden grain-field and rolling meadow land, vineyard, orchard, and tree and embowered hamlet rises to greet the eye of the visitor, he is more and more impressed with the richness of the soil and the healthy Kansas climate. Situated on a commanding eminence in the southern part of this township, in the midst of a great expanse of grass and fruit and grain lies the subject of our sketch – the town of Corning.

Some men start out in life and achieve fame in a short time, and when the height of their ambition seems to be almost reached, down they go, and their life is a failure, others make a start not so brilliant, but by perseverance proceed slowly up the pathway of life, and when their journey is done their posterity is proud of their achievements. So it is with the history and growth of towns, the discovery of gold or silver, a coal mine, or the building of a railroad starts a mushroom growth which startles the world.

The town of Corning never had any of these so-called "booms" but has made steady and upward strides since the first day of its settlement. Old Corning was situated about one and ha half miles west of the present town. IT was fist established as a post office in 1867, with Dr. N. B. McKay as postmaster. The town of Corning was named in honor of Erastus Corning, of New York. Dr. McKay erected the first building in the town and used it for a store and a residence, and a man by the name of W. H. Dixon operated a second store in the town, which was all the town ever had. The present town of Corning is situated on the southwest quarter of section thirty-six. This lad was originally school land and was bid in by Dr. McKay. He gave a half-section to the central Branch railroad if they would locate a station at this point. The town was surveyed by County surveyor George Taylor and was laid out September 2, 1870. On that date Napoleon B McKay and Chloe McKay gave a deed for the same and it was recorded by Peter McQuaid who was then register of deeds.

The first building was Dr. McKay's store which was moved fro mold Corning. The second was a residence built for J. S. Henry.

The first religious exercises held in the town were conducted by Rev. J. S. Henry, a Baptist minister. A Methodist Episcopal society was organized in 1878; the services were held in the school house which had been built in 1872. The first M.E. minister was Rev. J. Biddison.

"more impressed with the richness of the soil and the healthy Kansas climate"

The people of Corning are noted for their temperate habits – they want nothing but cold water. By George, they crib all the beer that is brought to the town.

Corning is only a small town, but when it comes to entertaining a large crowd, she is entitled to a front seat. The reunion visitors are all loud in their praise of the entertainment received.

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History of Local Churches Dates Back to Late Fifties

The Courier-Tribune
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Section 4

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On Feb. 7, 1867, the Nemaha Courier of which John P. Cone was editor, had a local notice stating that "Rev. Mr. **Parker** of Irving had been canvassing the subject of a church building here, with considerable success and we hope it may be prosecuted until a proper building is put under way and completed."

"The Universalist Old Stone Church"

Now part of the Seneca Public Library

From this time to April 30, the matter was canvassed with varying success and on the evening of April 30, 1867, a public meting was held and generally attended by the citizens irrespective of church affiliation. At this meeting a committee was appointed which took matters in charge.

A few days later, at another meeting, the Congregationalists proposed that if the subscription were changed to that denomination they would guarantee an increase to the amount of $500, so after a great deal of controversy, it was decided that the denomination offering the largest increase to the subscription should have the building.

In less than five minutes the Universalists present, who had been liberal subscribers to the proposed church as a Presbyterian enterprise pledge and increase of $1600 and took the prize. And thus our denomination had the honor of erecting the first church built in the city of Seneca. To the credit of other denominations, be it known that very few, who had subscribed to the Presbyterian project, refused to transfer their subscription to us.

Previous to this time, in the summer of 1865, Rev. B. F. **Rogers** preached a series of deonominational sermons and a little later, Rev. E. Manford preached and Dr. D. B. McKay and other friends secured the lots for the church. In the summer of 1867, Rev. J. H. **Ballou**, a young man from Canton, Ohio, came and preached with moderate regularity for about a year, when he moved to Lawrence.

After this the church was without a pastor until the settlement of the Rev. R. M. **Bartlett** July 14, 1867, although E. **Manford**, G. W. **Skinner**, T. C. **Eaton** and Joy **Bishop** preached occasionally.

The first preaching in the new church was by Rev. G. W. **Skinner** on July 18, 1868 and it was formally dedicated on Aug. 28, 1870. Rev. B. F. **Rogers** officiated. Rev. **Eaton** and Rev. **Bishop** were also present. The next year Rev. R. M. **Bartlett** was employed as pastor and continued to fill the position for three years. At the end of that time, the Society, through financial reverses was unable to employ a pastor and it was necessary to mortgage the church to pay the balance due Rev. **Bartlett**.

In March 1872, the Nemaha county court house burned and the church building was rented to the county for a court room and office purposes and from that source a sufficient sum was realized to pay off the indebtedness. Rev. A. **Barnes** preached a few times and arrangements were made with Mrs. S. M. **Barnes** to preach once a month for a year, which, I believe, was all the preaching we had until the spring of 883. After a short vacation, Rev. C. H. **Rogers** was secured and remained with us until the spring of 1887. He was succeeded by rev. T. W. **Woodrow**, who served two years. Rev. J. A. **Stone** began preaching in December 1889 and continued with the exception of January and February 1900, to the present time.

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NEMAHA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

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Genealogical Resources

The historical society maintains and operates a museum in the old Nemaha County Jail, which was actually the jail and sheriff's home. A collection of newspapers, plat books, vital records and other materials of genealogical value are housed in the museum.

Located across the corner from the museum is the county courthouse. Naturalization records, wills and marriage records are housed in the district court offices. The recorder of deeds has the land records and some military records. Additional records are found in the county clerk's office.

The Seneca Public Library has a room dedicated to genealogy. Included n their collection is the microfilm of most of the Nemaha County Census and all of the existing Seneca newspapers. The library has recently acquired the 1800 United States Census and National Index on CD-ROM. They also have the Social Security Death Benefits on CD-ROM.

Members are encouraged to utilize these resources.

Membership

It is again time to renew membership in the Nemaha County Genealogical Society. The dues of $10.00 entitle each individual to membership in both the Nemaha County Genealogical Society and the Nemaha County Historical Society. Each organization publishes a quarterly newsletter for members.

Check your mailing label to determine the expiration date of your membership.

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Biographical Sketches

CHARLES E. WILSON, proprietor Wilson House, was born in 1853, in Henry County, Ind., where his father, S. B. Wilson, was a very early settler, and his grandfather also, the latter a hotel-keeper. The family have resided in Indianapolis, Ind., for twenty years past. C. E. Wilson was educated in Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., and married in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Miss Arry V. Mitchell, of Indianapolis. Mr. Wilson came to Seneca in August, 1879, purchased and ran the 'City Hotel,' called by him the 'Wilson House,' until July, 1882, when he leased that house to H. G. Stiles, who restored the old name. Mr. Wilson in turn leased of P. J. Assenmacher the centrally located hotel now so popular under his good management. It contains twenty-five rooms, and is the only first-class house in Nemaha County.

Sabetha

HARMAN ALTHOUSE, farmer, P.O. Sabetha, is a son of the late Conrad Althouse, a Hessian, who served as a Captain under the First Napoleon during all his campaigns from Piedmont to Waterloo. At the final downfall of that great warrior, Capt. Althouse sought and found refuge in the United States. He married in Somerset County, Pa, Susanna Workman, who survives him. The family came West to Savanna, Mo., in 1857, removing two years later to Rock Creek, where the father died in 1860, at the age of sixty-seven His eldest son, Harmon Althouse, was born 1834, in Somerset County, Pa, and married near Savanna Mo., Miss Susanna, daughter of Abram Howard, one of the original settlers of the "Platte Purchase." Mr. Althouse settled on his present farm in 1860, and has made good and durable improvements, beginning with raw prairie. Near him lives his aged mother and his brother, John Althouse, all that now represent this family in Kansas.

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J. C. BELYEA, harness maker and dealer was born Sept. 9, 1840, in Canada. His early life was spent in school and in his father's store in Bronte, Canada. In 1861 he settled in St. Joseph County, Mich., and spent about ten years there as a fruit-grower. In 1871 he came to Sabetha; returned to Ohio in 1874, and for two years owned and operated a large steam stave-mill at Leipsic, Ohio, employing thirty men and making large shipments to St. Louis, In 1876 he again came to Kansas and bought and sold real es-

Biographical Sketches Continued

tate and livestock until June 1882, when he began his present line of trade. His wife was Miss Emily, daughter of Elijah Williams, a prominent business man of Cleveland, Ohio, the organizer and President of its Board of Trade, and a man whose accidental death in 1879 was deeply deplored. Mr. and Mrs. Belyea have two sons – Edgar A. and Herman A. Mr. Belyea is showing characteristic enterprise in pushing his new line of business, having the largest and most varied stock of harness, saddles, whips, trunks etc. in Sabetha.

"was virtually in command of Company E Seventy-ninth United State Colored Infantry"

E. F. BOUTON, farmer, P.O. Sabetha was born in Virgil, Cortland County, N.Y. April 8, 1833 and came to Albany, Kan. in 1860. Enlisted in September 862 in the Thirteenth Kansas Volunteer Infantry as a private; was appointed Sergeant and afterward promoted to First Sergeant: was detailed while yet a Sergeant for duty as an officer, July 15, 1865, and was virtually in command of Company E Seventy-ninth United State Colored Infantry, being the only officer present with it from that date till the 21st of April 1865 when he received commission as First Lieutenant of the same Company and continued in command till discharged, October 3, 1865. Mr. Bouton, in 1860, married Fannie E. Waldo in Steuben County, N.Y. She died in 1887 leaving two children – Rosa and Henry W. He married for his second and present wife Mrs. Nancy J. Slosson Graham, widow of John L. Graham. They have one daughter – May L. born in 1874.

C. P. BRANIGAN, liveryman, came to Kansas in 859; spent the next three years in Colorado; settled in Washington County, Kan., in 1862, and was driven out by the Indians in 1864. Enlisting in Hollenburg's command, he took part in the pursuit and punishment of the "Reds." During the next six years he was farming in Rock Creek Township, and in August, 1870, built a house and the first livery barn in Sabetha. Has since been in the livery and stock business, retiring from the later in 1881. For about five years he had the mail route from Sabetha to Pawnee City, Neb. Mr. Branigan married Miss Rebecca, daughter of A. Hawkins, this lady enjoys the honor of having taught the first school in Rock Creek, first in 1859 in A. Moorehead's house, and in 1'860 in J. Goodpasture's house, Sabetha.

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WPA Obituary Index

For Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas Newspapers

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Bullard	Dr. Harry L.	14	99	1899
Bullard	Mrs. Jennie	45	22	1922
Bump	Mrs. Bertha	36	7	1907
Bumphrey	Mrs. Albert	42	30	1930
Bunce	Henry P.	48	35	1935
Bunce	Mrs.	15	81	1881
Bundel	Mrs. Frank	92	31	1931
Bungard	Marie A.	70	29	1929
Bungard	Mrs. John	94	31	1931
Burbery	Mrs. Elizabeth	55	27	1927
Burd	Lena	96	29	1929
Burdett	Gertrude	48	35	1935
Burdick	Frank	22	30	1930
Burdick	Henry	38	33	1933
Burdick	John H.	11	29	1929
Burdick	Mrs. Frank	42	33	1933
Burge	Geo	50	91	1891
Burger	Gattlieb	17	96	1896
Burger	H. D.	38	30	1930
Burger	M. E.	41	87	1887
Burget	Levia Floyd	35	29	1929
Burgett	Archie	68	31	1931
Burgett	Janis E.	80	36	1936
Burgett	John	28	1936	1936
Burgett	Mrs. Roy	40	35	1935
Burk	Mrs. Phoebe	50	23	1923
Burk	Rev. Father Thomas	96	26	1926
Burke	A. A.	32	19	1919
Burke	Father	41	27	1927
Burke	Mrs. Bridget	21	23	1923
Burke	Mrs. H. E.	75	28	1928
Burke	Mrs. James	19	21	1921
Burke	Peter	42	19	1919
Burke	Wm.	44	14	1914
Burkey	Elise	75	28	1928
Burks	Elizabeth El	62	26	1926
Burky	J.D.	5	9	1909
Burlingame	Mrs.	22	26	1926
Burlingame	P. L.	4	11	1911
Burnett	A. H.	40	91	1891
Burnett	Mrs. A. H.	35	2	1902
Burns	Fred	25	30	1930
Burns	Miles R.	12	33	1933
Burns	Mrs. A. L.	25	11	1911
Burrows	Della	10	34	1934
Burrows	O. G.	61	31	1931
Bury	child	12	96	1896
Busard	George	3	26	1926
Buser	Eugene	47	21	1921
Buser	Joe Sr.	4	26	1926
Buser	John H.	102	1937	1937
Buser	Mrs. Caroline	2	2	1902
Buser	Mrs. J. Sr.	18	16	1916
Buser		43	4	1904
Bush	A.	30	5	1905
Bush	Cyrus	46	19	1919
Bush	Mrs. J. E.	30	28	1928
Buskrik	Wara Levich	95	36	1936
Busse	John	15	33	1933
Bussey	Rev. R. D.	9	22	1922
Butcher	Clemens	2	2	1902
Butler	C. E.	3	21	1921
Butler	C. J.	22	19	1919
Butler	Joseph Noah	49	26	1926
Butler	Marjorie Can	20	31	1931
Butler	May	9	11	1911
Butler	Mrs. M.	16	17	1917
Buttler	Mrs. T.	45	98	1898
Butz	Donna Lee	40	33	1933
Buzan	Anna E.	1	85	1885
Byers	Miss	15	16	1916
Byrne	Margaret	41	87	1887
Byrne	Patrick	41	85	1885
Byrne	Patrick	41	85	1885
Cassidy	Ed	34	36	1936
Chadwick	Harrey	37	36	1936
Colawell	Ezra	3	35	1935
Coleman	A. L.	11	1936	1936
Conlin	Mrs. Mary A.	31	36	1936
Cordill	George	10	36	1936
Crumrine	Mrs. Virgil	7	1936	1936
Nemz	A. Z.	3	33	1933
Wade	Kehler	8	7	1907
Wasmund	King	50	7	1907
White	Graham	16	7	1907
White	Mrs. E.	36	92	1892
WHitesell	Spiker	38	7	1907
Williams	Collins	40	7	1907
Wolliver	Horton	19	7	1907
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Gordon	Michael	C	382
Grollmes	Henry	E	161
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Haffner	Kasper	H	118
Hang	Reinlard	C	294
Hani	Samuel	J	146
Hanni	Frederick	F	180
Hanni	Rudolph	J	177
Hanny (Hanni)	Godleip	B	450
Hansel	Johana	C	200
Hansel	John	C	199
Hanson	Erasmus	C	11
Harpenau	Henry	G	32
Harrah	John O.	C	381
Heideman	J. H.	C	210
Heineger	Christ	J	140
Heiniger	Nicol	J	137
Hemmerly	Alcide	H	97
Hendrecks	John H.	G	551
Henning	Hermann	E	522
Herman	William	J	418
Hobs	Bendecht	D	215
Hollan	Wenzel	E	312
Holmden	R. J.	I	48
Holmes	Theophilus John Charles	B	311
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Obituaries

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Abstracted by Pauline Esslinger and Dorothy Pearl Murphy from the Seneca newspapers in the collection of the Nemaha County Historical Society and the Seneca Public Library.

Surname	Given Name	Date	Pg
Dean	Antoinette	1/5/1948	6
Dean	Antoinette, Miss	1/5/1948	6
Deaver	Mary L.	12/9/1948	3
DeFord	Delia	8/5/1948	7
Dennis	Margaret Jane	2/9/1948	5
Dennis	Margaret Jane	2/2/1948	1
Dennis	Mrs. Campbell W.	2/2/1948	1
Deters	Reva Margaret	2/26/1948	1
Devor	Loretta Fern	6/24/1948	1
Devor	Loretta Fern	6/28/1948	2
Devor	Mary Jane	1/15/1948	1
Devor	Mary Jane	1/19/1948	1
Devor	Mrs. Frank	1/15/1948	1
Dexter	Sarah J. Blair	12/2/1948	7
Dick	Henry	10/14/1948	1
Dick	William	3/8/1948	1
Dick	William F.	3/18/1948	4
Dick	William F.	3/18/1948	4
Dick	William F.	4/1/1948	6
Dickson	A. W.	6/7/1948	6
Dickson	A. W.	6/24/1948	4
Dillaplain	P. B.	1/19/1948	2
Dillaplain	Porter Buell	1/26/1948	2
Dillaplain	Porter Buell	1/26/1948	2
Dillaplain	Roy	9/13/1948	2
Dittman	Edna	2/12/1948	1
Dittman	Edna A.	3/22/1948	4
Dittman	Edna A.	3/29/1948	6
Dittman	Edna A.	4/29/1948	
Dittman	Edna A.	5/6/1948	6
Dittman	Edna Almira	2/12/1948	1
Dittman	Edna Almira	2/23/1948	2
Dixon	Charles W.	10/18/1948	4
Dixon	Charles W.	10/25/1948	5
Domann	John G.	2/5/1948	3
Dooley	Virgil	2/19/1948	1
Dooley	Virgil Oliver	2/26/1948	4
Dooley	Virgil Oliver	2/19/1948	1
Dooley	Virgil Oliver	2/26/1948	4
Dougan	Frances Susan	6/7/1948	1
Dougan	Mary	2/5/1948	1
Dougan	Mary	2/5/1948	1
Dougan	Mary Elizabeth	6/7/1948	1
Douglas	Marjorie	2/12/1948	4
Drake	Frank	4/8/1948	5
Draney	Edwin	6/14/1948	1
Dreiling	Susanna	2/2/1948	3
Dunham	Sgt. James Kenneth	4/26/1948 1	
Dunn	John W.	9/13/1948	1
Durst	Clarence	5/31/1948	2
Earhardt	Mrs.	1/8/1948	5
Ebeling	Sophia	2/23/1948	5
Ebeling	Sophia	2/16/1948	2
Ebeling	sophia	2/23/1948	5
Eberly	Arthur	10/7/1948	1
Edwards	Orville R.	5/17/1948	1
Edwin	George	1/29/1948	3
Ehrsam	John	1/12/1948	3
Ehrsam	John	1/12/1948	3
Elliott	Kate	12/13/1948	6
Emery	Thomas Maben	2/16/1947	6
Evans	Mathilda	2/12/1948	6
Evans	Mathilda	2/12/1948	6
Ewart	A. C.	2/5/1948	6
Ewart	Albert Clark,Jr	2/5/1948	8
Farwell	Horace Stephen	9/13/1948	1
Fish	Edward	6/3/1948	7
Fish	Edward	6/7/1948	8
Fisher	Jacob	5/24/1948	4
Foster	Prudella	4/15/1948	1
Francisco	Sara Ellen	11/25/1948	8
Francisco	Sara Ellen	12/6/1948	6

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From Seneca Newspapers

City of Corning

A Hospitable Host
Pleasant Place
Progressive People

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Seneca Courier Democrat Aug. 17, 1900 Page 2

Officially the town is governed by the following: Mayor George Keith, sr.,; marshal C. B. Andrews; street commissioner, W. E. Brown; city clerk, George Keith, jr.; police judge W. E. Geer; city treasurer W. Jacobia; councilman, Dr. I. H. Magill, P. J. Cortelyou, N. H. Vought, W. J. Glenn, S. H. Whitman.

Dr. I. H. Magill

Dr. I. H. Magill was born in Capioma township in 1861. He grew up to manhood just like all other Kansas boys do, barefooted and full of mischief. When he looked around for a profession to enter he was not long in making up his mind to follow that of medicine, as he already had considerable natural ability. So he entered the University Medical College of Kansas City, Mo., and graduated from there, and later he graduated from the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Magill came fresh from school seventeen years ago and located in Corning. His worldly possessions consisted of his medicine case, a horse and saddle, His knowledge of medicine and his success as a physician soon became known and he built up a splendid practice. He now owns one of the best kept drug stores in the county, and has a comfortable residence and has acquired a fee simple title to a half-section of Kansas soil. Dr. Magill has been a life-long democrat and has been one of the party's best workers for a good many years.

W. F. Geer

The history of Corning would be incomplete without the name of Mr. Geer. His is his native state, but he has lived in Kansas since 1870, and for the past seventeen years has been a resident of Corning. Mr. Geer was postmaster during Cleveland's administration and at present is the proprietor of a small store. He handles confectionery, cigars, and is an expert in manufacturing summer drinks. He says he would be lost without an office, having held one or more township or city offices ever since he has been in the state. Mr. Geer is an enthusiastic democrat and will do all in his power to help swell the majority for Bryan and Beridenthall.

W. Jacobia

"Billy" Jacobia, as he is familiarly known, is a native Jayhawker, and one doesn't have to converse with him very long until he finds that Mr. Jacobia possesses all the excellent qualities pertaining thereto. He is cashier of the Farmer's State Bank of Corning, which is a good safe financial institution. Mr. Jacobia is a thorough business man and every customer of the bank receives the same courteous treatment. He started to work in the Central Branch shops about twenty years ago and after three years work in the shops was given an engine, and for twelve years he was engineer for the Union Pacific railroad company, but for the past three years he has been cashier of the above named bank. Mrs Jaoobia wa an Atchison lady. She is a talented and beautiful woman and a general society favorite in the town.

Dr. P. Thompson

Twenty four years ago the above named gentleman came fro Indian to Kansas. Dr. Thompson has been through the good and the bad times. Father time has dealt kindly with the doctor and although an old man in years he appears young and robust. Dr. Thomson during his twenty-four years practice in Nemaha county has made many friends and has built up a large and successful practice.

Morgan & Donald

Here are two young men of energy and push who have been in the hardware business in Corning for only eight months, but during that time they have convince the people of Corning and vicinity that they are there for business. Mr. Donald, the senior member of the firm is a native Kansan. The above firm handle a genuine line of hardware, and sell implements, buggies and wagons. They are making a specialty of the famous Weber wagon.

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The Second Five Hundred

Courier-Democrat
Oct. 31, 1918

Partial List of September Registrants
Taken from the Cards in the Nemaha County Draft Records

The following is a list of the second five hundred Nemaha County men of the September 12,1918 registration of the ages between eighteen and forty-six with the order number, age and serial number of each.

The serial number determined the order in which each name was taken from the master list from Washington. The order number is the one that will determine how they will be called, the lowest order number first, subject of courts to the ages called for service. Men between the ages of thirty-six and forty-six are not subject to the first call. In order to distinguish this draft from any preceding or succeeding drafts each of these numbers will bear the letter "A' preceding. This identifies this draft in Washington and saves time in the government offices.

Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
501	18	139	Frank. J. Malone	Goff
502	43	678	John. H. Heideman	Baileyville
503	43	1811	John Wm Boleym	Sabetha
504	38	414	John Frederick Holthaus	Seneca
505	19	216	Marshall L. Vernon	Corning
506	34	766	Thomas P. Johnstone	Goff
507	42	1830	Jos. C. Aeschlimann	Seneca
508	36	1509	Edward S. Mcdonald	Sabetha
509	37	890	Henry Laudsky	Oneida
510	19	1428	Frank B. Vandemape	Kelly
511	42	506	Arlie H. Masheter	Sabetha
512	39	1978	Wm. E. Tibbetts	Pawnee City, Nebr.
513	18	1266	Benjamin B. Wenger	Sabetha
514	45	1462	Irvin B. Fosgate	Goff
515	35	356	Clair T. Campfield	Oneida
516	45	1565	Marcellus Noel	Corning
517	42	1290	Seldon S. Stevenson	Oneida
518	35	443	Oney S. Rokey	Sabetha
519	35	547	Lee Adamson	Wetmore
520	19	1326	Earl P. Kerns	Seneca
521	18	148	Merrill Michael McEnaney	Corning
522	37	915	Fred. O. Wheeler	Seneca
523	38	976	Clem H. Grothjan	Seneca
524	38	1843	Walter S. Peterson	Centralia
525	38	906	Warren Kenneth Russell	Oneida
526	18	373	David C. Brunner	Sabetha
527	36	899	Clyde Lewis Shenck	Seneca
528	41	738	Harry E. Drwon	Seneca
529	32	317	Earl C. Harmon	Corning
530	19	1562	Chas C. Miller	Sabetha

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Nemaha County Draft Records

History of Local Churches Dates Back to Late Fifties

The Courier-Tribune
Seneca, Kansas
Anniversary Edition
1938
Section 4

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Universalist Church

The legal organization was effected by the election of a board of trustees, filing with the secretary of state a charter on May 11, 1867, which is the event we celebrate. The first trustees were Charles G. Scrafford, J.H. Peckham, Wm. Histed, J. P. Taylor and Dr. D. B. McKay. Mr. Taylor was president and Abijah Wells secretary.

"The church organ was installed by Rev. R. M. Bartlett in 1871."

The Sunday School was organized in September, 1871 with F. H. Boyer, superintendent. After that Dr. McKay, E. J. Emery, J.H.H. Ford, C. H. Rogers and Abijah Wells served in the same capacity.

The church organ was installed by Rev. R. M. Bartlett in 1871. The church records burned in 1876 and a re-organization was effected by rev. A. Barnes on June 21, 1879 when J. H. Williams was elected moderator, Mary Emery, secretary; J. H. H. Ford treasurer; Dr. D. B. McKay and E. J. Emery, deacons. After the death of Father Emery, father Moulton was elected Deacon.

■ End of Wells Narrative –

The portraits of Dr. McKay, E. J. Emery, N. Moulton, Abijah Wells, and C. G. Scrafford, the founders of Universalism in Seneca, hang on the walls of the library. The memorial windows addd when the church was remodeled, are dedicated to the memory of the Y.P.C.U, the Sunday School from 1903 to 1904, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Emery, Miss Elsie Wells, Mr. and Mrs. N. Moulton and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McKay and the two in front were given by "A Hundred Friends."

Among the last pastors of the church were Rev. and Mrs. Leon P. Jones, Rev. George Longbrake, Rev. Almira Cheney, Rev. S. L. Titus, Rev. John Carpenter and others. Under the pastorate of Rev. Longbrake the church was reopened in April 1914.

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Hilda inter
Cora Ort
Flossie Ort
Jennie Ort
Alvin Ort
Jessie Livingood
Harry Livingood
Aldo Livingood
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Roy Tinklin
Lilian Tinklin
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Fred Kempin
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Leda Dulake
Cicell Dulake
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City of Corning

A Hospitable Host
Pleasant Place
Progressive People

Continued from May 2002

S. J. Frazier

The City Hotel of Corning demonstrated during the reunion that they could entertain a large crowd. During the three days people were swarming in and out the doors of his place like bees in a hive. Mr. Frazier, the genial host, is a native of Iowa, but has been in Kansas twenty-three years, during which time he has acquired that smooth, easy entertaining manner so common with Kansas people.

Corning Gazette

Minter & Slocum the editors and publishers of the above paper are jolly good fellows and enjoy life in the same manner as do all Kansas newspaper men. Mr. Minter, the senior member of the firm, is one of the successful republican politicians of Nemaha county. At present he is Deputy Coal Oil Inspector. L. S. Slocum, the junior member, has charge of the paper and it is under his management. Mr. Slocum was born in Michigan and has lived in Kansas for twenty-three years. The Corning Gazette is a nice, clean five-column quarto edition, and although a republican organ it receives its most liberal support from the democrats. The people of Corning appreciate the value of the Gazette, and Messers Minter & Slocum spare no pains to please their patrons.

George Toler

We all know him – in Seneca we call him "Pete," in Corning the girls call him "Fussy," but anyhow George is a tip top fellow. George was ushered into the world in the State of Ohio, but has trained with Kansas boys and girls for the past five years. He is at present holding a clerical position in the store of P. T. Casey.

Bargain Store

W. Slocum, the manager of the above store, has been a resident of Kansas for twenty–one years. He was born in Connecticut. He is a veteran of the civil war, enlisted in Cowan's Battery 1st New York, and was in the famous battle of Gettysburg, where he was wounded on the 3rd day of July, 1863. He held the position of 1st sergeant in the battery. The Bargain Store is full of bargains in general merchandise, and during the reunion he sold an immense amount of goods.

"We all know him– in Seneca we call him "Pete," in Corning the girls call him "Fussy"

W. A. Warrington & Co.

Mr. Warrington is proprietor of the only jewelry store in the town. He is pleasant and accommodating to his customers, and his customers come from all over the south part of the county. Mr. Warrington came from Iowa, his native state, and located in Corning three years ago.

Logan & Friend

The above firm is composed of C. E. Friend, of Soldier, and C. D. Logan, of Holton. The firm has lumber yards at Holton, Soldier, Corning, Blaine, Fostoria, and Olsburg. They were fortunate in securing the

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Biographical Sketches

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Rev. Moses M. Chase, farmer, P. O. Sabetha, was born 1836, in Meigs County, Ohio. Grew to manhood there, and at the age of nineteen, went via New York and the isthmus to California; returned in the fall of 1857, and in 1858 settled in Woodson County, Kan., where he made two farms from raw prairie. In 1860 he settled on a farm now part of the Sabetha Town site, and a year later sold to I. D. Simons, and located north of Capioma, where he secured the organization of school district NO. 18, and did good work at farming. In 1871 he located where he now is; he has 480 acres of magnificent land in a body and is now building a tasteful and commodious farmhouse at a cost of $2,000. His wife was Sara Barnes of Guernsey County, Ohio. They have six children, all born Kansans. Mr. Chase has been an elder in the Christian Church since 1873; has organized three churches, and now has charge of that number. He has also been a vigorous and effective temperance worker.

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J. F. Clough, editor Nemaha County *Republican*, and postmaster of Sabetha was born 1847, in Oxford, Ohio and at fifteen, while an attendant of the village school, he enlisted in the Sixty-ninth Ohio volunteer Infantry, serving from 1861 to 1864. He was twice shot at the battle of Mission Ridge, both balls striking him simultaneously, crushing his left shoulder and piercing both lungs. After about a year in hospital, he received his honorable discharged. Founded the Monroeville, Ohio *Spectator* in 1870, sold out in 1876, and in the fall of that year started the *Republican* at Sabetha. It is a seven column quarto, straight Republican in politics and a well conducted and popular county newspaper. Mr. Clough has been postmaster since August, 1877.

Hon. Ira F. Collins of the firm of Moorehead & Collins, hardware, was born October 14, 1843 in Cass County, Ill., where he grew up on a farm. Early in 1862 he enlisted as a private soldier in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Served under Grant at Vicksburg, and a the battle of Guntown, Miss., received a bullet in the side of his head and face; was taken prisoner and confine at Mobile and Castle Morgan until the close of the ware and with 3,000 others suffered the horrors of a regulation Southern prison pen. During 1865 he came to Sabetha, bought land on Rock Creek, and farmed it until 1870; then removed to Sabetha where the above named firm was formed in 1872. He engaged in general mercantile business until 1877 when an intermission occurred until 1880, when the present business was commenced. Politically, Mr. Collins is a Republican. He was the first Mayor of Sabetha. He has twice represented his district in the Lower House, and is now State senator from Brown and Nemaha Counties.

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The Second Five Hundred

Continued from May 2002
Courier-Democrat
Oct. 31, 1918

Partial List of September Registrants
Taken from the Cards in the Nemaha County Draft Records

The following is a list of the second five hundred Nemaha County men of the September 12,1918 registration of the ages between eighteen and forty-six with the order number, age and serial number of each.

The serial number determined the order in which each name was taken from the master list from Washington. The order number is the one that will determine how they will be called, the lowest order number first, subject of courts to the ages called for service. Men between the ages of thirty-six and forty-six are not subject to the first call. In order to distinguish this draft from any preceding or succeeding drafts each of these numbers will bear the letter "A' preceding. This identifies this draft in Washington and saves time in the government offices.

Nemaha County Draft Records

Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
531	39	2056	Jacob S. Anderson	Oneida
532	45	1458	Jos. August Haug	Seneca
533	19	613	Geo. Hibbard	Corning
534	36	392	Thos. Francis McEnaney	Oneida
535	35	805	Frank Holsapple	Centralia
536	19	120	Claude V. Wilson	Sabetha
537	45	1433	Gottlich Brummer	Sabetha
538	19	658	Van H. Magill	Corning
539	18	1134	Vernon Wm. Felmlee	Sabetha
540	36	1502	Frank A. Mohlman	Seneca
541	28	1218	Azariah Wild Moore	Sabetha
542	38	488	Bert B. Hennigh	Sabetha
543	39	1529	Clement B. Ronnebaum	Seneca
544	40	228	Wm. M. Kurtz	Centralia
545	45	314	Ario Robinson	Sabetha
546	19	1201	Ernes M. Pieister	Centralia
547	33	1518	Bernard J. Buser	Vermillion
548	48	503	Edward Ehrsam	Bern
549	37	886	John M. Hill	Goff
550	40	380	Perter Byrne	Centralia
551	45	1298	Olen C. Baker	Goff
552	35	191	Geo. Connelly	Wetmore
553	40	1750	Ernest G. Moore	Baileyville
554	42	586	John C. Wempe	Seneca
555	10	184	Clyde J. Gillpanie	Seneca
556	40	107	L. O. Henry	Sabetha
557	39	1306	Marsh Allison	Seneca
558	30	252	Edwin S. Kennedy	Sabetha
559	19	507	John Reist	Seneca
560	45	644	Daniel J. Markley	Vermillion

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Biographical Sketches

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John E. Corwin, of the firm of Corwin & Holdridge, was born in Fayette County, Pa., as was his father, John Corwin, a first cousin of the talented and eloquent Thomas Corwin, of Ohio. J. E. Corwin lived alternately in Pennsylvania and Ohio until 1856, when he settled in Greene County, Pa. He enlisted early in 1862 in the ninety-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving through the entire war as a First Lieutenant under Gen. W. T. Sherman, taking part in the first siege of Vicksburg, the battles north of Atlanta, the march to Savannah and through the Carolinas. Discharged with his regiment after the "Grand Review" in 1865, he began the carpenter's trade in Indiana, and came thence, in 1872, to Sabetha. Here, as an architect and builder, he planned and built the Congregational Church and most of the substantial homes that grace Washington avenue, Sabetha. Began his present business in 1876; has been City Councilman ever since his location, and is now serving his third term as Mayor; has been Justice of the Peace for four years, and belongs to the A. F. and A. M., and the I. O. O. F.

"Discharged with his regiment after the "Grand Review" in 1865, he began the carpenter's trade in Indiana..."

J. W. Cunnick, A. B., principal of the public schools, is a native of Cambridge County, Pa.; graduated from Oberlin College with the class of 1880, and has since occupied his present position. It is but just to say that his repeated reappointment to his place at the head of the city schools is the result of the high appreciation in which his services as an educator and disciplinarian are held by the tax payers of Sabetha.

O. Fountain, merchant, was born in Zanesville, Ohio, November 21, 1834; was reared and educated in Peoria County, III. Followed the sea for a number of years in early life, was during the war, by regular promotion, commissioned Lieutenant, Captain and Major. February 1, 1864, was married to Miss Jeannie Shepherd, of Saratoga, N. Y. The same year they settled on a farm at Fairview, Brown County, Kansas, making it with tree-planting and thorough culture noted throughout the country as Fairview Farm. At this place their only child, Ethel, was born, December 20, 1864, who at the age of fifteen was sent to Binghamton, N. Y., to be educated under the care of Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Shaw. In 1867 Mr. Fountain established a post-office at Fairview, and was first postmaster. In 1876 he removed to Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas, and built the store now occupied by the Weiss Bros. In the 1880s he built his present fire proof store building, 26 X 80 feet, and is doing a large and increasing business in general merchandise. He is a member of the Masonic Order of Sabetha.

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Junod	Alexander	F	88
Junod	Paul	F	87
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Kellenberger	S G	J	152
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Koelzer	Peter Joseph	A	268
Kohn	Lewis	C	394

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Corning

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services of J. B. Baker to look after their affairs at Corning. Jud, as he is familiarly called, was born in Pennsylvania, and for 22 years the Kansas breezes have played hide-and-seek through his curly locks. Logan & Friend have all their lumber at Corning under an immense shed 58 X 144, and they have on hand about 350,000 feet of lumber. They also handle coal.

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Cortelyou Bros.

J. B. Cortelyou, the Corning member and manager of this grain firm is a native of New Jersey, and has lived in Kansas only three years. The firm has elevators at Corning and Muscotah. Their business in Corning was small to 144, and they have on hand about 350,000 feet of lumber. They also handle coal.

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William Westphal

Mr. Westphal is a native of Prussia and has lived in Corning for 14 years. He claims to be the only populist in the town, but of course there are others. He learned the trade of a shoemaker in Germany, and is now the proprietor of the only exclusive boot and shoe store in the town. He has a nice line of shoes and a good business.

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Graduates of Seneca High School

First Graduation Exercises were June 17, 1881. All the grads gave an oration in those days.

The first commencement program of Seneca high school was held at the Court House in Seneca, Friday evening, June, 17, 1881. Mrs. Mary L. Scoville was organist, and each graduate gave an oration. Hattie Smith was valedictorian. Abijah Wells gave the address, General Willis Brown and Supt. J. A. Amos spoke briefly. D. F. Hoover, principal, presented the diplomas to the five graduates. Miss Flora Stewart, a member of the first class, has been employed for many years in clerical work in the sanitarium at Waukesha, Wisconsin. She is the sister-in-law of Mrs. Bertha Stewart of Seneca.

"Hattie Smith was valedictorian. Abijah Wells gave the address, General Willis Brown and Supt. J. A. Amos spoke briefly."

An attempt has been made to mark deceased graduates with an asterisk but no doubt the list is inaccurate in a few instances so far as death is concerned.

1881
Flora Stewart*
Alice Newland*
Hattie Smith*
Cora Stone Bent*
Mary E. Walters*

1882
Orra J. Chase
Abram Funk*
Ed R. Felt*
Rosa B. Stirk Whittam
John Jacobs
Frederick Maier
Frank Wells
Lorrain Taylor Collins

1883
Mary Bennett Brown*
James Burger*
Sarah Bennett Edmundson
Mamie Johnston*
Minnie Kaysbier Norton
Mary Seeley lace
Lottie Balmer
Augustine*
Fannie Church Hertslet
Almus P. Evans
George Seeley*
Verner S. Simon
Dora O. Taylor

1884
John Briggs*
Minne Burger Zimmerman
Helen Cohon Buswanger
Lou Fox
Jennie M. Fisher
Clifford Histed
Walter Young
Mary Hale Chase*
Ida Netman Eaton
Emma Oldfield Shurtleff

1885
Mae Matthews Bergen
Waiter Nash
Rebecca Orem Anderson
Ada Taylor Stillwell
Maggie Stark Conrad*
Lydia Ward Snyder
Lydia Orem Clency
Carrie Thompson Mathews
Charles Haggard
Agnes Graney Keegan*
Ardella Farmer Fox
Nettie Edgerly Wells
J. W. Emmett*
Lilian Clark Bloss
Eddie Bloss*
Mary Benedict Lough*
Etta Borain Griffith*
Emma Anderson Mack
Effie Anderson Thompson

1886
Ardie Aikins
Mary Bland Rentiss
Rubie Bullard Skinner
Eden Borowdale Emmett
Clinton Borrowdale*
Ralph Cone
Johnson Hamilton
Minnie Hartner Johnson*
E. P. Johnson
Anna Dougan Hatch
James R. Dougan
Susie Dougan
Alma Ford
Alma Guffy Gilliland
Alice Hammerly Nonjour

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History of Local Churches Dates Back to Late Fifties

Continued from May 2002

St. Mary's at St. Benedict, Oldest Church Organization
By Rev. Cyril Bayer, O. S. B.

St. Mary's church, St. Benedict, on Wild Cat creek, is the oldest continuous church organization in Nemaha county today. But the heritage of Catholic history goes back much farther.

Not only was the discovery of this continent inspired by Catholic thought, carried out by the Catholic Columbus and financed with Catholic money of Ferdinand and Isabella, but less than 50 years after discovery of the continent of America, in August of 1541, exactly 300 years before the feet of the next white man, John C. Fremont, touched the soil of Nemaha county, Coronado came this way. There was a Catholic priest in that company. Father Juanode Padilla.

When the others of the expedition returned, Fray Padilla remained, only to be killed by the Indians and to become the first known martyr of this country. In 1859, that is, 318 years after the coming of Fray Padilla, the Benedictine Father Edmund Landgenfelder was the first Catholic priest to leave authentic record of his visit to Nemaha county.

The next Catholic priest known to have died in Nemaha county, was an uncle of the writer. Re. Urban Bayer, O. S. B., who died at Seneca August 4, 1873, some 332 years after Fray Padilla.

Such were the beginnings of St. Mary's parish, fruitful mother of many children. St. Bridget, St. Peter and Paul, Seneca, St. Bede, Kelly , and Sacred Heart at Baileyville were all started with the greater portion of their original families taken from St. Mary's at St. Benedict. Besides this, I doubt if one could find a Catholic parish within 50 miles in any direction that has not had some families from here. The people marry young. Practically all stayed on the farm. Thus is soon was impossible to acquire land near the church so the people moved away and helped to start new parishes.

In the safe at the Rectory there is a solid-leather-bound journal. 8 by 12 inches containing the first records of this parish. On page 351 is the following entry:

"The first settlers in this congregation were: John Koch, 1857, then John Koelzer, Joseph Assepmacher, Peter Blumer, Martin Stallbaumer and Mr. Dick, 1858. By the impulsion of Mr. Koelzer and others, a little frame church was built in 1859 before they knew anything of a priest. The land for the church was given by Peter Blumer (20 acres). Other members of the congregation who supported the above-named in building the church were Mr. Rogers, Thomas Carlin and Margaret Draney. In the same year the church was built the priest, P. Edmund Langfelder, O. S. B., came the first time to Nemaha county..."

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Reunion Co. D Eighth KS

Judge Josh Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell and son Edwin, and G. W. Johnson, went over to Frankfort last Monday to attend the Old Soldiers' Reunion that is being held at that place this week. There was a reunion of Co. D. of the Eighth Kansas, to which Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Johnson belonged at the home of their old company commander, Capt. Stephen B. Todd, in Frankfort on Tuesday. The Eight Kansas was the famous Kansas regiment that came near being completely annihilated at the battle of Chickamauga. John A. Martin was its colonel. There are only a few of the old company D boys left and they make it a practice of meeting once a year at one or the other's home and thus keep the fires of comradeship burning brightly with each and every one of them.

Courier-Tribune
17 Aug. 1900

Membership Renewal

Please check the expiration date on your mailing label. It should say 6/30/2003 if the genealogy society has received your renewal.

If your membership has expired, please use the form on the back page to renew your membership.

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Mrs. C. F. HERTSLET

The only photograph gallery in Corning is managed by the above named lady. She has a magnificent display of photographs, which are samples of her own work. She has traveled quite extensively and during her travels she made photographs of scenery and different attractions which make a very artistic and interesting collection. Mrs. Hertslet has all kinds of picture supplies for sale.

ANDREWS Bros.

The two members composing this firm are C. B. and J. W. Andrews. They emigrated from Indiana 11 years ago and engaged in the liver business in Corning. During the reunion they took care of 212 teams. C. B. Andrews is the hustling manager of the livery business and has been elected city marshal for nine years in succession. J. W. Andrews is now the postmaster and runs a stationery and confectionery stand as a side issue.

C. F. BRADLEY

Mr. Bradley was born in Kansas 27 years ago. For the past eight years he has been engaged in railroad business, and for the past three years he has been station agent at Corning for the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

II. LOUDENBACK

Prof. Loudenback is a native of Indiana and has been in Kansas three years. He teaches instrumental music and is also an instructor in voice culture. He had charge of the vocal music at the reunion, and received many compliments on his ability as an instructor and trainer.

G. ELLINGER & Co.

John Depuy, the junior member of the above firm, started life in this world in the State of New York. He came west to grow up with the country and did most of his growing in Kansas, having located here in 1876. The senior member of the firm is G. Ellinger, of Haddam, Kansas. They carry a stock of $10,000-$12,000 in general merchandise. During the reunion they employed extra clerks but were unable to wait on the trade.

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Biographical Sketches

Joseph **HAIGH**, deceased was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to American in 842, settling in Muskingum County, Ohio, where he married Anna Mulviney. They came to Kansas in 1860. During the civil War, Mr. Haigh served two years as a teamster. The family began poor, living in a log house with no neighbors near, and suffered much from sickness and privation, but eventually secured a fine farm by improving the original claim and a pleasant home by replacing the log cabin with a neat frame farmhouse. Mr. Haigh dies in 1872, leaving a widow and three children, to mourn the loss of a husband and father, always to be remembered as a kind and good one.

"came west to grow up with the country and did most of his growing in Kansas"

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Biographical Sketches

From
"Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas"
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S. B. **FREELOVE**, farmer. P. O. Sabetha, was born in 1835, in Rutland County, Vt.; settled in Will County, Ill., in 1848, and about 1856 became one of the Plainfield Batter, an organization that, with Edward McAllister as Captain, and himself as First Lieutenant, tendered its services to President Lincoln a few days prior to the bombardment of Fort Sumter. This battery was the first of the military to reach Cairo and St. Louis. After his term of duty during its three months' term of service. Lieut. Freelove, however, with fifty-four men ran the patrol boat "W. H. Brown" between Cairo and St. Louis. After his term of enlistment, while stationed at Bird's Point with the battery, he turned his guns on the commissary, threatening to blow the establishment to flinders unless rations heretofore refused y reason of "red tape" subterfuges, were furnished in five minutes, and, as he says: "We got 'em." Serving two months after his time, he re-enlisted in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, which heroic and reckless regiment, thoroughly detested and feard by the Rebels, took Seven Pines, Gaines' Mill, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Poolesville, Grederic, South Mountain, Boonesboro, Antictam, Martinsburg, Piedmont, Barber's Cross Roads, Little Washinton, Amosville, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Beverly Ford, Gettysburg (Where it opened the fight), Second Boonesboro, Frankstown, First and Second Brandy Station, Culpepper, Raccoon Ford, Stevensburg, Brantsville, Second Culpepper, Mine Run and others. Private Freelove re-enlisted in the same regiment in December, 1864, and in August, 1865, was discharged with the rank of regimental Wuartermaster. After the war he farmed two years in Will County, Illinios, and in other places in Illinois and Indiana, until 1879, when he came to Kansas and settled where he now is. His first wife *nee* Ellen Smith, died in Indiana. The present Mrs. Freelove was Lucretia Aldrich, of Vermont. Her first husband, George Wyman, left her one daughter; her second, E. C. Tyrell, leaving her a son and daughter. Both deceased husbands were Union soldiers, Mr. Wyman dying in the service.

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John L. **GRAHAM**, deceased, one of the four original settlers of Albany, Nemaha Co., Kansas, was born in Richford, N. Y. He was married April 7, 1853, in Maine, Broome Co., N. Y., to Nancy J. Slosson. Mr. Graham settled in Albany in April, 1857, pre-empted a quarter section of land, and engaged in farming. Mr. Graham assisted in raising Company D, Eighth Kansas Infantry, September, 1861; was chosen Second Lieutenant, and served in that capacity till the summer of 1863, when he was promoted to First Lieutenant. He held at the time of his death a commission as Captain, but had not yet been mustered. He was killed in action at the battle of Chickamauga, September 19, 1863. Captain Graham was one of the few army officers who were never known to taste intoxicating drinks. He left two sons- Charles D. and Fred E. His widow

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Second Five Hundred

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Courier-Democrat
Oct. 31, 1918

Partial List of September Registrants
Taken from the Cards in the Nemaha County Draft Records

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Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
561	18	480	Johnnille Taylor	Seneca
562	35	585	Cuv. Warren Kelly	Wetmore
563	45	1038	Wm. Edwin Thompson	Goff
564	36	187	Fred W. Whitney	Corning
565	33	281	John A Dulae	Onaga
566	18	1166	Clarence Wm. White	Axtell
567	42	1011	Edward Plummer	Seneca
568	44	552	Frederick Wm. Severin	Baileyville
569	18	93	Clarence Wm. White	Axtell
570	13	520	James McBride	Seneca
571	45	76	Anthony B. Huerter	Seneca
572	36	391	Frank Teegarden	Corning
573	18	1011	Clyde Thos. Murray	Sabetha
574	36	836	Orin McDaniel	Centralia
575	22	693	Chas. Wesley Thompson	Seneca
576	33	1556	Thos. H. Morgan	Corning
577	18	1832	Miles F. Kolb	Sabetha
578	36	343	Jos. D. Rokey	Sabetha
579	44	55	John Malone	Bancroft
580	40	895	Paul A Germone	Seneca
581	18	814	Truman R. ?	Centralia
582	19	1531	Farris L. Shiffer	Tulsa, Oklahoma
583	44	1382	Ellmer L. Welliver	Centralia
584	40	1357	Carl M. Schneider	Seneca
585	39	1887	Eugene G. Miller	Sabetha
586	18	1390	Alfed E. E?li	Bern
587	44	591	Thos. E. Hogg	Centralia
588	39	1855	James Wm. Kyle	Sabetha
589	38	1220	P. M. Crawford	Sabetha
590	33	1095	L. E. Steinmeier	Seneca

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Nemaha County Draft Records

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afterward married E. F. Bouton (see sketch). Graham County, Kansas, was named by the Kansas State Legislature in honor of Captain John L. Graham.

G. W. **GREENFIELD**, farmer, P.O. Sabetha, was born September 14, 1842, in Canada. He learned the trade of carpenter, and in 1869 came to Nemaha County, Kan. With him were two brothers, James and John. The three bought each 160 acres of school land southwest of Sabetha. When G. W. Greenfield settled on his far, not a house was visible even in Sabetha. He began with raw prairie, and today has 200 acres well improved, a good house and other conveniences, orchard grove, etc. His wife was Bettie McGinty. They have a daughter, Sadie E. The parents of Mrs. Greenfield were early settlers of Brown County, Kan., where her mother now lives at the age of eighty, her father having been killed by lightning in 1860.

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H. C. **HAINES**, merchant, began business here for himself in 1878; built his present 26x80 store in 1880 and is doing a large and steadily increasing business. The first floor is devoted to a full line of staple and fancy groceries, and a partial one of dry goods and gents' furnishing, while carpetings, clothing, trunks, and books occupy the second floor; carries a stock form $20,000 to $30,000, four and five clerks being employed. Mr. Haines was born in 1844, in Tuscarawas County Ohio. Enlisted in 1862, in the Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry; was taken prisoner with Colonel Miles at Harper's Ferry and paroled; kept books for a while for J. B. Lea & Co., Philadelphia, and in 1864 enlisted in the eleventh Maryland Volunteer Infantry, serving 100 days, and fighting at Monocacy Md., when 6,000 Federals were finally driven back by 25,000 Rebels. At the end of the 100 days he enlisted in the Fifty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was sent to Texas with his regiment, and served until November, 1865. On his discharge he settled in St. Joseph, Mo., and clerked three years for May, Weil & Co.; was then for four or five years partner of Capt. Williams, at Bigelo, Mo., where he remained until he located at Sabetha. Here he has erected a spacious and elegantly appointed home for his wife, nee Jessie Hartzell, and large family of eight children. Mr. Haines is a Congregationalist, and does not interest himself in politics, never desiring office, though now serving as President of the School Board.

Almon **HAWKINS**, liveryman, settled in November, 1858, near the head of Pony Creek, and engaged in farming in Brown and Nemaha counties until 1869, when he began the butcher business in Sabetha; ran that four years, and has since been in the livery business. He was born in Rochester, N.Y. His father Alanson Hawkins, with his father Ebenezer Hawkins and three brothers settled in 1826, in Vermillion County, Ill, Alanson Hawkins and wife removed thence to Kankakee County, Ill., where both died. Almon Hawkins was reared in Illinois and married Caroline Thompson, by whom he has seven children living – Rebecca, Amanda, Hattie, Abbie, Frank, Viola and Ella.

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Immigration Journal

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Immigration and Naturalization Comm. Journals
Form I-IP
Nemaha County, Kansas

Family Name	Given Name	Vol.	Pg
McGinty	Michael	C	97
McNally	Patrick	C	280
Meisner	George	H	549
Mentha	Henry	D	6
Messerli	John	J	6
Meyer	Conrad	G	191
Miller	Anthony	D	471
Miller	George	H	327
Miller	Joseph	D	472
Minter	Frank	H	83
Moore	Thomas	H	360
Moser	Godfrey	G	304
Moser	Nicholas	J	136
Mouton	Henry	B	359
Myer	Heinrich	J	584
Myers	Henry F C	I	389
Nehus	Barney	C	294
Nolte	Alois	D	410
Novak	Joseph	H	39
Nowark	Joseph	K	175
Olberding	Frank	H	311
Olberding	Joseph	K	173
Osterhous	Henry J	J	564
Pauli	Frederick	B	448
Paulin	Joseph	C	281
Peyrinzo	August	C	281
Phrang	George	H	498
Platner	John	H	303
Polson	Nels	J	576
Poppe	August	C	281

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Graduates of Seneca High

Continued from Aug. 2002

1886 continued
Alice Hammerly Bonjour
Anna Sterling fuller
Lotta Smith Harvey
W., H. Thompson
Addie Larew
Engelken
Belle Miller
Pierre Pinckney
Annie Ridenour
Zula Thompson
Wells
Paul Wilkinson
Rose Wilson
Jordan
Henry Wallace
Emma Hartner

"Roster of Graduates of Seneca High School" Courier-Tribune Anniversary Edition 1938

1888
Rush Collins
Ralph Cone
Mary Myers
Guy Peckham

1889
Gertrude Chapman
Cowley
David Mackley
Etta Norton
Inez D. Rutt Morse
Guy O. Tayler
Rose Hansz Hart
Amanda Mitchell Diehm

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WPA Obituary Index

For Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas Newspapers

As abstracted from WPA cards located in the Seneca Public Library

Surname	First	Issue	Year
Caber	Miss	04	1881
Caber	Mrs. Laura	13	1922
Cahill	Mrs. Geo.	57	1928
Cain	Dale	10	1919
Cain	Minnie Haggard	95	1931
Cain	Mrs. J.E.	02	1922
Cain	Patrick	20	1918
Caldwell	Flora G.	12	1933
Calhahan	Mrs. Sarah	15	1906
Calhoun	G.	17	1917
Call	Mrs.	26	1903
Callaham	John	18	1933
Callahan	Henry	89	1930
Callahan	John M.	21	1910
Callahan	Michael	06	1904
Callahan	Michael	41	1904
Callahan	Mrs. W.	46	1910
Callahan	Wm.	21	1923
Callender	Mr. G.W.	51	1879
Calnan	Michael	04	1892
Calvan	Mrs. A.	07	1910
Calwell	William L.	39	1932
Camp	Isaac L.	80	1937
Camp	Mrs. Sarah	07	1912
Campbell	(infant)	26	1904
Campbell	A.J.	31	1916
Campbell	Bentley	22	1925
Campbell	Burr	37	1880
Campbell	H.	19	1913
Campbell	Helen Maxine	44	1934
Campbell	Henry	98	1930
Campbell	J.A.	39	1924
Campbell	John	97	1930
Campbell	Josephine	83	1926
Campbell	L.C.	52	1918
Campbell	Margaret	42	1929
Campbell	Mrs. S.A.	21	1891
Campfield	Edwin	04	1918
Campfield	(Child)	40	1880
Campfield	A.F.	25	1932
Campfield	Dorothy	35	1932
Campfield	T.A.	23	1892
Canfield	Mrs. Ben	48	1925
Capsey	Major W. H.	41	1937
Capsey	Mrs. Major	31	1931
Capsuy	Mrs. E.	13	1916
Carenter	Mrs. Harry	27	1931
Carey	C.E.	17	1906
Carey	Charles	38	1906
Carey	Miss Ellen	31	1896
Carey	Mrs. Harriet	30	1927
Carey	Mrs. M.	14	1912
Carey	W.B.	01	1922
Carl	Frank	45	1921
Carl	Glessner	44	1936
Carl	Nancy	02	1918
Carleton	Homer	16	1913
Carlin	Mrs. F.H.	90	1930
Carlson	Mrs. Albert	49	1927
Carlson	Mrs. Ray	57	1925
Carlton	Roby	31	1907
Carman	Mrs. L.R.	27	1917
Carmen	Mike	44	1906
Carmichael	Peter	07	1922
Carnell	Mrs. P.	10	1913
Carney	John	83	1937
Caron	Mrs. Clark	38	1937
Carpenter	(infant)	05	1909
Carpenter	J.	38	1892
Carpenter	James	08	1924
Carpenter	Jonathan	37	1923
Carpenter	Maria	28	1932

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Surname	First	Issue	Year
Carpenter	Mary Ellen	16	1934
Carpenter	Melvin	62	1936
Carpenter	Mrs. J.	06	1913
Carpenter	Rev. J.R.	01	1918
Carroll	Mrs. Geo.	37	1929
Carson	Frank	59	1936
Carter	Dr. F.F.	75	1934
Carter	P.J.	98	1927
Carver	G.R.	96	1925
Carwin	Luther A.	44	1932
Casebeer	Hubert	20	1910
Casebeer	Mrs. Mary	15	1909
Caseley	Grace	39	1933
Casey	Ben	40	1910
Casey	Charles E.	12	1906
Casey	Eva	25	1933
Casey	J.A.	41	1933
Casey	Laverin	01	1920
Casey	Mrs. P.	12	1914
Casey	P.T.	29	1916
Cashman	George C.	50	1909
Cass	Herbert	57	1934
Cassett	Mrs. E.	06	1911
Cassety	Geo.	28	1934
Cassity	M.P.M.	03	1901
Cates	Floyd	51	1921
Cattrell	J.G.	34	1914
Cave	J.W.	16	1910
Cave	Mildred	70	1927
Cave	Mrs. Oscar	40	1928
Cave	Raymond	79	1926
Cave	Wm.	17	1874
Cave	W. B.	07	1907
Cavender		23	1932
Cawood	Charles	51	1932
Cawood	Mrs. H.P.	28	1917
Cere	E.B.	49	1871
Chace	Hattie Lena	17	1881
Chaddock	Reilla	24	1930
Chadwick	B.	52	1904
Chadwick	Bernard	30	1904
Chadwick	Grandma	46	1916
Chadwick	J.E.	01	1919
Chadwick	Mrs. Mary	58	1933
Chadwick	S. Sr.	43	1904
Chaliss	Paul	35	1928
Chamberlain	H.	48	1918
Chamberlain	Mrs. B.F.	19	1910
Chamberlin	Anne	35	1882
Chambers	Isaac	13	1927
Chambers	Mrs. Isaac	01	1926
Champlain		43	1904
Champman	Bertha	19	1932
Chancy	Mrs. H.F.	03	1914
Chandler	Mrs. L.S.	49	1919
Channel	Mrs. Norman	30	1927
Chapman	H.H.	22	1925
Chapman	Mrs. E.H.	44	1911
Chapman	Mrs. Edith Mary 1937		51
Chapman	Mrs. Henry	51	1928
Charles	C.M.	09	1934
Chase	(baby)	102	1931
Chase	Miss Kathrine	49	1925
Chaster	Amos	32	1871
Chelland	Paestine	24	1904
Chenoweth	F.	51	1877
Cheray	John	26	1909
Cheray	Mrs.	05	1909
Chewning	Miss Elizabeth	26	1929
Chewning	Mrs. Agnes	75	1937
Chewning	P.P.	21	1922
Chilson	Mrs. Chalmer	16	1923
Chilson	Rev.	20	1912
Chinkenbeard	(infant)	27	1885
Chinkenbeard	Mrs.	17	1905
Chison	Mary	52	1916
Church	R.J.	17	1934

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History of Local Churches Dates Back to Late Fifties

Continued from Aug. 2002

St. Mary's at St. Benedict, Oldest Church Organization By Rev. Cyril Bayer, O.S.B.

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In June, 1859 and in autumn, 1859, P. Augustine Wirth, O.S.B. came here. The next spring, 1860, P. Augustine Wirth, O.S.B. came a second time and in the autumn this place was visited by P. Philip Vogg O.S. B.; in the spring of 1861, P. Emanuel Harting, O.S.B. paid a visit. But the people, desiring to have a priest in this place, built a priest house with the greatest exertion, for, in the year before, 1860, they did not get a harvest on account of the dry weather. P. Augustine, O.S.B., the then Superior of St. Benedict's College sent P. Severin Rogger. O.S.B. He came June 12, 1861. Besides this settlement he ministered to St. Bridget. St. Augustines, Ellwood, Bellmont, Guittard and Marysville. Dec. 1, 1861. St. Joseph's, in the southeast corner of Marshall county, was joined to this congregation and I am going there every first Sunday of the month."

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In 1859, John Koelzer visited Rev. Augustine Wirth. O.S.B. of Atchison to ask for a priest. He told them to build a church. The first church building measured 12 by 25 feet and cost $92.20. Thus a church was built before the parish was organized and before there was even a promise of a pastor.

In 1864, the second church was built, 18 by 35 feet.

In 1880, the third church, 40 by 90 was built. The people told father Emmanuel Harting, O.S.B., once and for all, let us make it large enough to serve the parish for all time. This was the building with served as a school till the year 1914. Thereafter it served as a hall for meeting and entertainments. In June 1934, it was struck by lightning and owing to the absence of fire fighting apparatus, quickly burned. It was insured for $1000.

In 1889 under Rev. Primin Koumley, the present church was planned. The foundation was lais at an expense of about $2500. In the fall of 1891, Father Pirmin, feeling himself unequal tot the task asked to be removed and on July 6, 1892. Rev. Herman Mengwasser, O. S.B. came and built the church. On April 30, 1893, Most Rev. Bishop Louis Fisk, O.S.B. laid the cornerstone. Dec. 1, 1893, the building was under roof and Nov. 1894, it was completed and dedicated. On Nov. 14, 1894, Rev. Louis M. Fink consecrated the church amid a concourse of about 3000 people. Rev. P. N. Schlechter, S. J. of St. Louis preached the German and Rev. Charles Stockie of Atchis (later of Seneca) the English sermon. The church was paid for on completion. It cost about $40,000. However, the rock was practically donated and was quarried and hauled by parishioners, who received a thank you with an occasional bottle of beer as pay.

Nearly $10,000 has been spent for altars, organ, frescoing, statues, etc.

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Return completed form and a check or money order for $10.00. Please make all checks payable to the Nemaha County Historical Society. Enclose a SASE if you wish to receive your membership card thru the mail. Address the application to the Nemaha County Historical Society, 6th and Nemaha, Seneca, KS 66538.

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Marion Township

From the Favorite Hunting Ground of the Red Man is Developed a Paradise for the Farmer

Its Early History and Stirring Events of Its Growth not Ancient but Wonderful

Marion township contains some of the first settlements in Nemaha county although it was not organized as a separate township until in the early seventies. The first settler in Marion township was Christian F. **Weyer**, who located on the farm he now lives on, 2 ½ miles south of Baileyville in 1857. The white settlers in those days were very few and far between. At that time the Oto Indians had a reservation on the north along the Nebraska and the Pottawatomies on the south in Pottawatomie county and Marion township with its broad prairies and its small wooded rivulets intersecting now and then the monotony of the plains, was the ideal hunting ground of the red man. Both of these tribes were always friendly and gave the settlers no trouble except occasionally, when they wanted to trade papposes with a white family.

J. A. Boyer and B. D. Graham, who are now both residents of Seneca, took the lead in organizing Marion township from the north part of Home and the south part of Clear Creek townships. This township was named in honor of General Marion of Revolutionary fame.

Joe **Glendenning**, one of the early settlers of Marion township was mixed up in a fracas in Marysville which came near resulting ftally to Jesse **Crall**, a noted horseman of Atchison. The county fair was in pro-

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Marion Township

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gress a Marysville and horsemen and farmers from all over the northeast part of the state were in attendance. A dispute came up between Glendenning and Crall in which the former slashed the latter with a knife, badly lacerating his neck and just missing the jugular vein. For several weeks Crall hovered between life an death, but finally recovered. Glendenning made his escape by crawling along the banks of the creek from the body of men who had surrounded him, and ran during the night from Marysville to the farm of John Walters, southwest of Baileyville. Glendenning remained in hiding for several months. Although hunted all the time he was never captured. He finally settled with Crall for $500 and left the country.

James A. **Boyer** was born in New York in 1830 and first located in Lawrence, Kas., in 1855, and later in Seneca in 1858. Here he followed the profession of architect and carpenter. He drew up the plans and specifications for the first court house in this county. During the war he was employed by the government with the corps of civil engineers. He located in Marion township in 1865, hauling the lumber for his house and barn from White Cloud with an ox team. He wrote and helped to circulate the petition to organize Marion township. Mr. Boyer is a thoroughly educated man and is one of the best posted men in literature, science, politics and religion with whom we have met. Mr. Boyer is now living a retired life in Seneca, enjoying the bounteous fruits of the labors of his early manhood.

Benjamin Darwin **Graham**, better known as "Doc," was born near Buffalo, New York, but left that country too early to assist in shaping the course of Grover Cleveland for the presidency. Mr. Graham located first in Doniphan county, Kansas, in 1857, ad at the beginning of the rebellion he returned to his native state and joined the 86th New York infantry and later the 11th New York cavalry in which regiment he served until the surrender at Appomattox. He taught school in the city of Brooklyn and also one year in Kansas, and was founder of District No. 3, in Marion township known as the Graham school. He was trustee of that township continuously from its organization until he moved to Seneca. The cognomen "Doc," was given him in his early youth from the fact that he acquired the habit of administering potions to dogs, cats, pigs and fowls in the neighborhood, which doses sometimes cured but oftener killed the patient. But he acquired his greatest fame as a disciple of Esculapius when he cured a man in Marion township of a chronic case of piles, who had ridden fourteen miles sidewise on a bareback horse to see him. He also claims to be a phrenologist and physiognomist. Doc has been city assessor in Seneca for two years is is not now a candidate for any office, but if the Democratic party should select him as their candidate this fall for probate judge there is no doubt but that he would be elected.

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"His first night on this claim was spent by himself and family in their wagon"

J. S. **Hendrie**, miller, was born in 1857, in Westmoreland County, Pa. Went to Sidney, Ill, March 24, 1876 and there farmed for J. B. Porterfield three years; went to Sidney to learn milling and came to Sabetha, Kans., March 20, 1880, and after working one year for S. A. Groninger & Co., took his place as head miller in the Sabetha Mills. His father, George Herndrei, served one year in Virginia during the Rebellion as a volunteer in the One Hundredth and Seventh Pennsylvania Regiment.

J. **Hesseltine**, farmer, P. O. Sabetha, was born in 1830, in Clinton County, N. Y.; reared in Medina County, Ohio, where his parents, Eli and Betsey Hesseltine, settled in 1833. In the spring of 1858 he came from Marion County, Ohio to Kansas and his present farm, 160 acres of which he hold by virtue of the United States patent. His first night on this claim was spent by himself and family in their wagon; he then building a shanty of "sheeting"" a bed being made by driving two stakes and placing sticks from them to the walls. His neighbors were a Z. **Archer** and A. **Moorehead**, not a house being in sight. Today he has 720 acres in a well fenced and improved farm, and a commodious farm-house built in 1879. He married Miss Caroline Waits of Richland County, Ohio. They have seven children, all save the eldest in Rock Creek Township. Mr. Hesseltine is a large feeder and breeder of cattle, and is prospering as he ought.

E. **Holtzschue**, of the mercantile firm of Hammon & Holtzschue, is a native o Germany, born in 1842. He came to the United States in 1865 and from 1865 to 1877 clerked in St. Joseph, Mo. The firm as now constituted was founded in 1880. Mr. **Hammon** resides in St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Holtzachus managing the Sabetha branch, the store being 22x110 feet, the deepest in Northern Kansas. For our five clerks are kept in constant employ and a very large business transacted, as a full line of general merchandise is carried, hardware and drugs only excepted.

Second Five Hundred

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The following is a list of the second five hundred Nemaha County men of the September 12, 1918 registration of the ages between eighteen and forty-six with the order number, age and serial number of each.

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591	41	15??	Aaron Thompson	Sabetha
592	20	542	Geo. H. Flentie	Centralia
593	39	1641	Harry H. Porter	Wetmore
594	34	1420	Willie E. Green	Bancroft
595	39	251	Herman E. Randel	Goff
596	45	47	Edward Herold	Seneca
597	19	1844	Virgil L. Hall	Axtell
598	40	2054	John e. Cline	Corning
599	45	1401	John L. McDaniel	Wetmore
600	32	605	Charles F. Hardy	Centralia
601	37	910	Charles B. Funk	Corning
602	18	1657	Charles L. Dean	Sabetha
603	20	217	Wm. A. Rillinger	Seneca
604	44	1955	Oswalt E. Theime	Goff
605	32	1052	Frederick W. Kemnin	Corning
606	38	1048	Louie E. Martin	Bern
607	41	1829	John G. Stallbaumer	Seneca
608	38	956	Chris A. Steinmeier	Seneca
609	33	1108	Erwin C. Harter	Bern
600	32	605	Charles F. Hardy	Centralia
611	42	200	Geo. Miller	Vermillion
612	40	1278	Julius Berger	Seneca
613	20	932	Emil A. Koch	Sabetha
614	19	1664	John H. Hatz, Jr.	Sabetha
615	42	1817	Joseph L. Surdez	Onaga
616	36	1559	John D. Edelmann	Sabetha
617	39	383	Benjamin F. Phillips	Centralia
618	40	35-	Jacob H. Strahm	Berwick
619	36	893	Leo Henning	Corning
620	36	470	Robert R. Powell	Centralia

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Clack	Mary E.	22	1932
Claeys	Mrs. F.M.	06	1928
Clancy	Lev.	28	1932
Clanham	(child)	17	1894
Clark	E.H.	10	1871
Clark	E.J.	18	1916
Clark	Edna	48	1906
Clark	Georgia	52	1934
Clark	J.F.	53	1925
Clark	J.L.	25	1924
Clark	Jacob B.		33 1928
Clark	Mary	25	1913
Clark	Mrs. A.H.	46	1894
Clark	Mrs. J. M.	37	1907
Clark	Mrs. M.L.	16	1875
Clark	Mrs. MarthL.	50	1926
Clark	Mrs. Mary B.	09	1931
Clark	Mrs. Ola	14	1903
Clark	Mrs. Sarah	36	1881
Clark	Orel Elizabeth	54	1934
Clark	S.P.	11	1924
Clark	Wm.	21	1915
Clarke	A.E.	20	1892
Clarke	W.B.	03	1910
Clarkson	Henry	52	1924
Clarkson	Mrs. Nettie	03	1885
Clarkson	Wm.	09	1934
Clawson	Mrs. W. W.	102	1937
Clayton	George	85	1929
Claywell	Mrs. J.V.	05	1915
Clear	Infants	47	1904
Clear	Oscar (infant)	26	1904
Clelland	Andrew	46	1908
Clelland	Geneva	43	1904
Clelland	Mrs. Mary	75	1930
Clelland	Ruth	11	1933
Clelland	Walter	55	1931
Clem	A.M.	14	1917
Clem	Mrs. G.W.	51	1919
Clemens	Hubert	23	1923
Clement	Virginia	77	1925
Clements	Wm.	01	1898
Clency	A.H.	44	1904
Clency	Mrs. Priscilla	01	1898
Clerget	Ida	14	1875
Cleve	Alamma	03	1873
Cleve	Fred	52	1924
Cleve	Mrs. F.	15	1918
Cleve	W.F.	03	1873
Clifford	Verman	61	1936
Clifton	H.S.	05	1934
Clifton	Mrs. E.	82	1927
Cline	Mary Kathryn	76	1934
Cline	Mrs. B.R.	06	1916
Cline	Patrick	51	1902
Clinkenbeard	John	19	1923
Clinkenbeard	William	18	1903
Clopper	Calvin	29	1909
Clough	El	33	1925
Clough	J.F.	46	1891
Co	Geo. W.	03	1901
Coan	Mrs. Henry	78	1936
Cobb	Henry	06	1904
Cobb	Henry	41	1904
Cober	H.	49	1917
Cober	Mrs. Ephraim	38	1922
Coburn	Mrs.	02	1909
Coburn	Mrs. Amarilla	25	1909
Cockerman	Daniel A.	49	1937
Cockren	John	13	1933
Coe	Mary I.	16	1912

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Coe	Mrs. Wm.E.	35	1921
Coe	R. S.	33	1927
Coe	Ralph	27	1930
Coe	Wm.	98	1933
Coffelt	W. R.	63	1936
Coffey	Mrs. James	42	1937
Cogswell	Dr. F.A.	09	1930
Cohen	Frank	05	1882
Cohen	J.H.	42	1913
Cohen	L.	17	1913
Cohen	Mrs. P.	51	1924
Colburn	A.A.	32	1891
Colburn	Alfred	06	1878
Cole	(baby)	28	1882
Cole	Elisha	03	1882
Cole	M.J.	37	1911
Cole	Melvin	07	1879
Cole	W.I.	16	1927
Coleman	H.H.	14	1912
Coleman	Jane	52	1904
Coleman	Jane	30	1904
Coleman	Mars. Geo.	43	1926
Coleman	Mary	17	1910
Coleman	Mary Frances	34	1933
Coleman	Mrs. Albert	59	1931
Coleman	Nancy	94	1932
Coleman	Nathan	01	1896
Coles	H.R.	23	1922
Collins	Andrew	47	1924
Collins	Arthus J.	48	1936
Collins	Chas.	48	1904
Collins	Helen	36	1874
Collins	Matalie	42	1877
Collins	Mrs. E.M.	81	1934
Collins	Ralph	103	1929
Collins	T.B.	38	1913
Colwell	Frank W.	75	1934
Conard	N.J.	49	1924
Condit	E.S.	70	1934
Condit	J.S. Sr.	47	1927
Condit	J.S. Sr.	47	1927
Condit	Mrs. Ray	33	1924
Condron	George T.	41	1936
Cone	Eddie	48	1871
Cone	Mrs. J.H.	23	1930
Cone	Mrs. J.P	35	1916
Cone	Rueben	06	1882
Conger	Julia A.	14	1903
Congrove	Lafe	58	1927
Conkling	Roscoe	33	1888
Conley	JE.	32	1919
Conley	L.E.	18	1917
Conley	Thomas	33	1930
Conlin	John F.	84	1932
Conn	Robert	15	1914
Connelley	Harrison	36	1921
Connelly	Arthur	31	1906
Connelly	Arthur	52	1906
Connelly	George	17	1932
Connelly	J.A.	45	1933
Conner	Ed	27	1936
Connet	M.R.	77	1925
Connet	Mary	45	1912
Connet	W..	47	1916
Connett	Lela	29	1896
Connett	Mrs. F.M.	42	1921
Connett	Willis	29	1896
Connor	Jane	30	1905
Conover	Mrs. Sarah J.	41	1936
Conrad	Anna	47	1904
Conrad	Anna	26	1904
Conrad	Caroline	33	1913
Conrad	Dr. Burt	51	1936

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History of Local Churches Dates Back to Late Fifties

Continued from November 2002

Courier-Tribune Anniversary Edition 1938

St. Mary's at St. Benedict Oldest Church Organization

By Rev. Cyril Bayer, O.S.B.

The style of the church is Roman. The dimensions are 162 by 60 feet; ceiling in center aisle 52 and one-half feet high, side aisles 25 feet high. The tower measures 172 ½ feet above the water table and is covered with copper.

The six windows in the transept were made by Mayer & Co., Munich, Bavaria, costing $2400. The Sacred Heart Rose window above the altar is 6 feet in diameter and cost $275.

In the year 1895 the congregation bought four bells in St. Louis. Weight of the belles is 3200, 1800, 900, and 500 pounds respectively.

In the spring of 1899, Wm. Bauhaus, Leavenworth, furnished the high altar for $2700. Next year, 1900, E. Hackner, La Crosse, Wisconsin installed the two side altars and communion rail at a cost of $1500

In the year 1901, the church was frescoed by G. F. Satory of Wabasha, Minnesota and decorated with 12 large oil paintings depicting the life of the Blessed Virgin mary by Thomas Zukotynzki of Chicago at a cost of $4100.

In September, 1903, the sum of $2200 was spent for a fine set of group stations. In the year 1901, Father Anthony solicited donations for 11 of the many statues in the church.

In the summer of 1936, the floors and pews, long neglected were refinished at practically no cost but material. Miss Ruth Nicklay, the Misses Henrietta and Mary Catherine Hulsing did the work. That same fall a new gold-plated tabernacle was donated by Antoin Fangman and Henry Haverkamp. It cost $1000.

The Priests and Pastors

The Civil War waging between the North and South did not pass this parish untouched. Most of the men were gone and the parish became a mission. Rev. J. Meuname appears on the records during 1863-64. For 1865, I find no record. Some entries bear the name of saintly Rev. Thomas Bartle, O. S.B.

In 1866 the parish was attended from Atchison. 1867, Rev. Fogarty, residing with Rev. William Fitzgerald at St. Bridgets settlement (Ashpoint, P.O.) attended St. Mary's.

From 1868-1883, the place was taken care from Seneca. In 1868, the name of Rev. Pirmin Koumly O.S.B. appears for the first time on the records. His name occurs again in 1872.

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Dues: 10.00 (July 1, 2002 thru June 30, 2003) -- Includes Historical Society Dues
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Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code (Including 4 digit extension): _____

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Indicate below the surnames (limit of 4) which you would like listed in the index of surnames being researched by members.

Surnames: _____

Return completed form and a check or money order for $10.00. Please make all checks payable to the Nemaha County Historical Society. Enclose a SASE if you wish to receive your membership card thru the mail. Address the application to the Nemaha County Historical Society, 6th and Nemaha, Seneca, KS 66538.

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Genealogy Databases Coming

By this time next year, Kansans may have access to both Ancestry and Heritage Quest online data through their public libraries. These resources will be offered as part of the KAN-ED program, an initiative to provide high-speed Internet access and information resources to schools and public libraries across the state.

The KAN-ED program provided access to both Ancestry and Heritage Quest during March as part of a test/survey of several potential resources. Because of the responses received from these surveys, they have selected both databases to become part of the program. KAN-ED is in the process of negotiating contracts with the goal of having the new databases available before the end of the year.

Membership Renewal Time

It is again time to renew membership in the Nemaha County Genealogical Society. The dues of $10.00 entitle each individual to membership in both the Nemaha County Genealogical Society and the Nemaha County Historical Society. Each organization publishes a quarterly newsletter for members.

Check your mailing label to determine the expiration date of your membership.

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Marion Township

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S. S. **Anderson** was born in Tennessee. He has been in Kansas twelve years. Mr. Anderson was a member of the bachelor's club of Marion township for a long time, but now he is housekeeping and farming on different principles.

P. J. **Scott** was born and raised in Nemaha county. He is one of the jayhawkers who enjoys about as much prosperity as any of them. He owns a fine, well improved and well stocked farm of 160 acres. Mr. Scott is a single man who believes in getting the cage ready before catching his bird – and the cage is pretty near ready.

R. T. **Bruner** is a product of Nemaha county. Bob is the son of O. C. Bruner who was one of the early settlers of Seneca and Nemaha county. Bob was the republican candidate for register of deeds last fall and ran best where he was best known. Bob is a mighty fine fellow and the only thing anyone can have against him is his republicanism.

John **Bronaugh** is another native of the Sunflower state. Mr. and Mrs. Bronaugh began married life under trying circumstances. About two months after their wedding in 1896, the great cyclone swept away everything he had except one team. But Mr. Bronaugh, with the energy inherent in so many Kansas boys went bravely to work rebuilding his home and today his comfortable home is a model of beauty and thrift.

E. N. **Bailey** came to Kansas in 1879 from Illinois, his native state. Mr. Bailey owns a fine quarter section of land just north of Baileyville for which he has refused $60 an acre. He and W. H. **Connett** have been in the grain business since 1893 with elevators at Baileyville, Axtell, Carney, and Mina. This firm ships form 1,500 to 1,88 cars of grain annually, 400 cars being shipped form Baileyville.

The town of Baileyville was laid out February 5, 1881, the land belonging to W. J. Bailey and E. N. Bailey. The town was named in honor of Monroe Bailey, father of W. J. and E. N. Bailey. The first building in the town was a large hay barn built by S. H. Rice & Co., of St. Joseph, Mo. They also built and operated a store, part of the same building where Mrs. Hickey's hotel is now. The first postmaster was George Rasp and the post office was located just east off Marion Hall. Baileyville now has two general stores, bank, drug store, two physicians, hardware and furniture store and lumber yard, livery barn, two hotels, blacksmith shop, two churches (Baptist and Presbyterian), and a public school. This little town is located in the midst of a very fine agricultural region and does as large a volume of business as some of the larger towns. It is a splendid grain market, and a great deal of live stock is shipped from here.

The citizens of Baileyville are a hospitable and progressive set of people and it is getting to be quite a place for farmers who have retired to come here and live.

"The citizens of Baileyville are a hospitable and progressive set of people"

Marion township has a population of 859. Her people own 846 horses, 2512 cattles, 41 mules and asses, 106 sheep and 2616 logs.

A. E. **Lincoln** is a native of the Buckeye state and has been in Kansas since 1878. He enjoys the distinction of being the only Abraham Lincoln we know of in Kansas. Mr. Lincoln, in partnership with Ernest **Weyer**, make a business of drilling wells. They recently purchased an Austin steam rock drill at a cost of $725 and now have the best outfit in this part of the state for drilling wells. If the "boxers" in China don't let up pretty soon, it is Abe's intention to bore a hole through and send the famous 20th Kansas after them by this route.

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W. B. **Lawrence**, farmer, P. O. Sabetha, was born in Steuben County, N. Y. in 1836, and came thence in 1858 to Albany, where he now lives. In early times he was active with W. B. Slosson and others in helping slaves across the Missouri River into Iowa via Peru and Nebraska City, Neb. In 1860 he went to Colorado and enlisted in the Second Colorado Volunteer Cavalry, and served through the war of the rebellion with his regiment. He has since

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Second Five Hundred

The Second Five Hundred Names
Courier-Democrat
Oct. 31, 1918

Partial List of September Registrants
Taken from the Cards in the Nemaha County Draft Records

The following is a list of the second five hundred Nemaha County men of the September 12,1918 registration of the ages between eighteen and forty-six with the order number, age and serial number of each.

Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
621	35	91	Jesse Wood	Sabetha
622	18	2016	Edward A. Grollmes	Seneca
623	44	1457	Delbert Bidewll	Goff
624	35	1805	Orren H. Rude	Sabetha
625	40	863	Ernest G. Weyer	Baileyville
626	19	567	Guy F. Gilbert	Wetmore
627	43	253	Oscar M. Cave	Sabetha
628	42	1643	Arthur D. Connelly	Sabetha
629	18	123	Harrold A. Duckett	Pawnee, Nebr.
630	38	935	John J. Aziere	Seneca
631	19	504	Morton Holmes	Wetmore
632	40	1473	Franz Sudbeck	Seneca
633	41	1550	Geo. L. Kern	Centralia
634	34	1433	Rene A. Dubach	Sabehta
635	32	1554	Phillip Bryen	Sabetha
636	19	446	Robert L. Rouse	Bancroft
637	37	386	James W. McCall	Oneida
639	19	1464	Herbert Schober	Centralia
640	19	1748	Lee D. Morrison	Vermillion
641	36	467	Francis J. Gaume	Seneca
642	35	1473	Charles E. Rice	Seneca
643	33	1319	Earl C. Shackelford	Seneca
644	34	12	Henry Schartz	Baileyville
645	34	791	Harvey D. Guilford	Centralia
646	36	1744	Geo. A. White	Axtell
647	43	1342	Ollie R. Mize	Wetmore
648	44	553	Herbert L. Wait	Centralia
649	45	282	John W. Dial	Centralia
650	19	420	Clarence W. Wilson	Centralia

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resided in Albany, married Emily **Stewart** of his native county, and with her is a member of the Congregational Church of Sabetha. They have two living children – Guy and May – both born in Albany. Mr. Lawrence is a Freemason of Sabetha Lodge NO. 162.

"wrote ... for those journals during the entire Civil"

M. A. Lewis, farmer, P.O. Sabetha, is a native of Broome County, N.Y., and married Jennie **McGregor** of that county. They came to Kansas in March, 1869, and in 1871 settled where they now live. Mr. Lewis has here a valuable 160 acre farm, on which he has spared no labor during the past ten years, having erected a substantial and tasty frame farmhouse and planted about 600 fruit trees, besides fencing and hedging. He is a Republican, and Congregationalist with his wife.

J. A. **McCaul**, attorney-at-law, is a native of Toronto, Canada, where he was reared and educated. He located in 1876 at Hiawatha, Kan., where he was admitted to the bar in 1879. He practiced for a short time in Morrill, in Brown County, but came thence to Sabetha, where he built up a very comfortable law practice and a good business as a loan and real estate agent. Politics, republican.

J. R. **McKee**, D.D. S., was born and educated in Armstrong County, Pa., and began the practice of dentistry in Lathrop, Mo., in 1870. Came from there to Sabetha in the fall of 1881; married Miss Emma A. Hook, of Sabetha, and is prosperous and popular. Is leader of the Sabetha brass band, which he organized, and a member of the Congregational Church, Sabetha.

George **Maguire**, Superintendent of the Sabetha Mill and Elevator, was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1847; attended the city schools and later St. John's College, Annapolis, where Hon. Reverend **Johnson** and the most noted of Maryland scholars were also schooled. In 1861 he went to the Virginia and Maryland battlefields as correspondent for various Baltimore newspapers, and wrote more or less for those journals during the entire Civil War. He came West in 1870, clerked for a mercantile house in St. Joseph, Mo., eight years, then located as a merchant in Sabetha. In 1880 he discontinued business and took his present position. Mr. Maguire was an organizer, and is Dictator of the Excelsior Lodge K. of H. He married Miss Mary B., daughter of Rev. William Philips, a noted Catholic divine, formerly of Baltimore and St. Joseph, Mo., now a well known lecturer.

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Conrad	Zacheries	43	1893
Conser	Harry	74	1932
Conser	John	51	1910
Constant	Perry	100	1933
Constantine	Mrs. J. F.	90	1931
Conwell	Liby May	01	1904
Conwell	G.	02	1915
Conwell	Helen	19	1877
Conwell	Lily Mae	21	1904
Conwell	Mrs. A.L.	14	1917
Conwell	Mrs. Mary	01	1923
Conwell	Mrs. S.	49	1916
Conwell	Simon	07	1890
Cook	Bery	17	1905
Cook	Jack	68	1927
Cook	Jaunite Louise	42	1933
Cook	John Ed.	69	1927
Cook	Johnie	16	1882
Cook	Mrs. J. L.	31	1909
Cook	Mrs. Lucinda	61	1937
Cook	Mrs. Nellie	43	1906
Cook	Mrs.Nellie	12	1906
Cook	Thomas C.	50	1934
Cook	Jason	63	1936
Cooley	Harvey	37	1933
Cooley	Mrs. Eve	69	1929
Cooper	Leland (child)	63	1937
Cooper	Mrs.	17	1909
Cooper	Mrs. Flora	31	1921
Cooper	Mrs. Sarah	62	1928
Cooper	Samuel	42	1919
Copper	Sarah J.	24	1922
Corcoran	John	02	1882
Cordan	Robert	21	1904
Cordell	N.B.	01	1887
Cordill	Aleda	35	1903
Cordill	Ben	65	1937
Cordill	Chester	58	1931
Cordill	Larkin	51	1904
Cordill	Mrs.	03	1903
Cordill	Mrs. L.	18	1902
Cordon	Robert	50	1904
Cornell	Mrs. W. M.	16	1909
Cornell	Mrs. William	46	1909
Corsovasky	Mergenmeir	40	1928
Cortright	Mrs. Chas.	31	1927
Cortwright	Mrs. Charles	68	1936
Corum	Wm. Jackson	63	1934
Corwin	Mrs. J.E.	48	1914
Corwin	Wilma	18	1928
Cotton	Maggie	07	1879
Cottrel	Mrs. W.	51	1906
Cottrell	D.H.	51	1916
Cottrell	Elizabeth	14	1919
Cottrell	Mrs. T.W.	20	1906
Coughlin	J. M.	68	1937
Coulson	Noble	28	1918
Coulter	Merle	66	1934
Countryman	Frederick	37	1882
Countryman	Martin A.	01	1919
Countryman	Mrs. J.W.	45	1928
Cove	Wm. B.	39	1907
Cowan	Donald	52	1936
Cowdrey	L.L	01	1909
Cowdrey	T.L.	52	1909
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Cox	(child)	31	1882
Cox	Dilana	06	1921
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Cox	Mrs. Aimarinda	25	1880
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Crandall	Edwin O.	49	1904
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Cranebill	Jacob	31	1893
Cranshaw	W.P.	26	1910
Crasy	Mrs. Ruth	04	1919
Crasy	Raymond	33	1925
Crawford	Mrs. L.M.	37	1925
Creech	Betty Jane	34	1930
Crider	Joseph C.	66	1931
Crider	Mrs. Joseph C.	67	1931
Crince	Mrs. M.	47	1904
Critchlow	Mrs. Nancy	39	1909
Critchlow	Mrs. W. G.	17	1909
Crocker	Henry	03	1881
Crocker	Lucy	40	1872
Cross	Elizabeth	01	1904
Cross	James	10	1906
Cross	Lloyd	91	1932
Crosswhite	Mrs. J.M.	44	1924
Crouch	Almeda	21	1876
Crouch	Kate	58	1933
Crowder	Isabell	43	1904
Crowe	Robert	26	1911
Cruss	Mrs. Elizabeth	16	1904
Culler	Rollie	52	1937
Culverhouse	M.A.	16	1924
Cummings	C. S.	12	1909
Cummings	Mrs. Chas.	51	1912
Cunningham	Mrs. J.W.	13	1885
Cunningham	Mrs.Margaret	50	1907
Cunningham	Pat	82	1926
Cunningham	Roy	45	1924
Cur	Luther	62	1930
Curran	Mrs. Lydia	74	1931
Curry	Albert	42	1880
Curtis	Tommy	11	1909
Curtis	Weston T.	42	1909
Curtiss	Ella	66	1928
Curtman	Mrs. T.	01	1900
Curts	Mrs. Libbie	43	1927
Dague	Mrs. Ella Mae	41	1937
Danford	Howard M.	30	1936
Daughters	Judge C. B.	68	1937
Davidson	James	62	1937
Dittemore	Mrs. Harriet E.	51	1937
Donahue	Pat	47	1937
Donnelly	Will	63	1937
Duesing	Otto	49	1937

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Someplace in here came the name, Rev. Emmanuel Hartig, O.S.B. and Eugene Bode, O.S.B. In 1872, Rev. Timothy Luber, O.S.B.; in 1873, Rev Thomas Bartle, O.S.B.; in 1876 Rev. Eugene Bode, O.S.B.; in 1877 and 1878, Rev. Emmanuel Hartig, O.S.B.; in 1881, Rev. Ferdinand Wolf, O.S.B. In 1883, Rev. Timothy Luber, O.S.B. and the same year a U.S. Postoffice was established and the name changed from Wild Cat to St. Benedict.

"name changed from Wild Cat to St. Benedict"

Rev. Fridoline Meyer, O.S.B. was pastor from 1885 to 1889. July, 1889, brought Rev. Ambrose Bank, O.S.B., who remained only five weeks; a sick man. September 1889 to July 1892, Rev. Pirman Koumly, O. S.B. started and put in the foundation of the present church.

From 1900 to September 1909, Rev. Anthony Baar, O.S.B. who is responsible for most of the statues in the church.

September, 1909 to June 1911, Rev. Alban Rudroff, O.S.B. who is at this time, 1937, the oldest Benedictine living and the only living member of the community that elected the first abbot of St. Benedict's, Atchison.

Rev. Cyril Bayer, O.S.B., June 1911, to September 1914, built the school.

Rev. Gregory Neumayr, O.S.B. served from 1914 to 1935 and the prescut rectory and Sister's residence were built.

In January, 1935, Rev. Father Cyril again became pastor.

In 1937 a grotto was built costing about $1000, donated by a parishioner.

In 1938, a brick garage was built at a cost of about $500.

During the pastorate of Rev. Alban Rudroff, O.S.B. the parish had an assistant, Rev. Cyril Bayer, O.S.B. serving from Nov. 1909, to February, 1910, and again from February, 1911, the Rev. Gabriel Von der Stein, O.S.B. acted as assistant pastor. During this period the neighboring parish of Baileyville started and took more than 40 families from this parish.
On the retirement of Father Alban and the appointment of a younger man as pastor there was no need of an assistant priest.

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The Holiness people have put up a tent on Main street and will hold meetings indefinitely.

Wm. **Holsapple** and family and Mrs. Thomp-Holsapple from Oklahoma are visiting friends and relatives in Corning.

W. E. **Geer** made two trips to Kelly last Tuesday.

The Odd Fellows served ice cream and cake to their wives and children last Monday night. A very enjoyable time was had.

D. **Stephens** shipped one car of hogs, and C. E. Tripp, two cars of cattle to Kansas City last Monday night.

G. B. **Peck**, J. W. **Devro**, Ferd **Blistner** and W. J. **Glen** and their families, fished on the Blue last wee, and report the best time in their lives, with plenty of fish to eat.

Harvey **Greening** is at present very sic with the measles, and there are several others suffering from the same disease.

Grandma **Jacobia** has gone to Kansas City to be gone some time.

Geo. **Carter**, one of the best farmers and stock raises in this locality, sold 500 bushel of corn Monday. The first corn he ever sold since he came to Kansas about nineteen years ago.

Jas. **Hiner** with his family, drove up from Cottonwood Falls last week. He reports crops very good in that vicinity.

P. J. **Cortelyon**, J. E. **Williams**, W. E. **Geer**, Drs. **Magill** and **Thompson**, W. **Jacobia**, John **Depuy**, Harry and Orlo **Davis**, spent part of last week attending the Democratic convention at Kansas City. Most of them came home enthusiastic Bryan men.

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Ollis **Bailey** came from the "Sucker" state to Kansas 16 years ago. Mr. Bailey owns a 160 acre farm that he made out of the lightning rod business in Illinois when there was money in it. On this farm we found two St. Joe stenographers at work, one of them pulling weeds and the other plowing corn.

Frank **McBratney**, one of the retired farmers, came to Kansas from Illinois in 1859. He owns 94 acres and has enough money off of it to join the "Sons of Rest" at Baileyville and take life easy.

J. A. **Witmer** was born in Maryland and came to Kansas fourteen years ago. He farmed for two years and bought grain in Baileyville for two years and the remainder of the fourteen years he has been in the hardware business. He is the head of the firm Witmer Bros. & Co., which was mentioned last week. Mr. and Mrs. Witmer recently returned from a visit to their old homes in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

H. W. **Rose**, the man who sports Pettersonian whiskers in the wintertime came from Ohio to Kansas sixteen years ago. Mr. Rose is considered one of the best farmers of Marion township.

When we stopped to see Ben **Nibert** we ran into a hornet's nest of bachelors and of course received a very urgent invitation to dinner which was accepted with great reluctance, because we realized if we don't quit eating with such high livers we will be sure to suffer with the gout. Mr. Nibert was born and reared in old Kentucky. He is a soldier, a teacher and a farmer, and we next expect to hear of him as a benedict and a statesman.

Joseph **Snyder** has been in Kansas only nine months. He came here from Hennesay, Oklahoma, where he had been engaged in the livery business. Mr. Synder is well pleased with this township, the best in Kansas, and will add one more vote to the Marion township majority for Bryan.

B. P. **Redmond** came to Kansas at the age of fifteen months, from Ohio, brought his parents with him and took care of them until they were able to take care of themselves. Mr. Redmond's business for 10 years was to teach the young idea how to shoot, at which profession he was a success. Mrs. Redmond is the daughter of Peter Crevan, one of the substantial democratic farmers of Clear Creek township. Mr. and Mrs. Redmond entertained us with one of those dinners calculated to suit the taste of the most fastidious epicure.

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T. K. **Masheter**, merchant, was born September 16, 1843, in Zanesville, Ohio, and reared and educated near Albanen, in Meigs Co., Ohio. He located in Sabetha in April 1870, and opened a nursery-camp, raising fruit trees of all kinds of small fruits, and shade and ornamental trees and shrubs. He owned twenty acres on the town site, and followed the nursery business about eight years and during this time owned and kept the first drug store in the city. Closing out both of his former lines, he embarked in the general merchandise trade in 1881. He married, in 1871, Miss Eliza W., daughter of Capt. A. W. **Williams**, the first settler of Sabetha. Mrs. Masheter was born in Bronta, Canada, Septembers 6, 1849, and has lived in Sabetha longer than any other resident (since September, 1856) of this thriving little city. Mr. and Mrs. Masheter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have five children living. In 1882, Mr. Masheter laid out an addition of ninety-eight lots to the city of Sabetha, on the southwest, comprising the finest resident lots in the city.

M. E. **Mather**, farmer and stock dealer, P.O. Sabetha, came to Sabetha in 1872, and began by establishing the Sabetha Exchange Bank. His failure in this enterprise he attributes to poor crops and the grasshopper panic, as well s the unreasoning haste and fear of creditors. Since 1877, he has lived on his farm, of 160 acres, near Sabetha, controlling by lease one-half a section besides. In 1875 he bought a half section here for $5,400. Creditors took half his land and all his personal property; yet to-day he owns about 200 head of cattle and has a good and valuable home farm. His barn, 32x112 feet, built in 1875 at the low cost of $1,000 is one of the best in Nemaha County, and would cost $3,000 to build it at this writing. Mr. Mather is an enthusiastic stock man, active, courteous and in-

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Second Five Hundred

The Second Five Hundred Names
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Partial List of September Registrants
Taken from the Cards in the Nemaha County Draft Records

The following is a list of the second five hundred Nemaha County men of the September 12, 1918 registration of the ages between eighteen and roty-six with the order number, age and serial number of each.

Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
651	38	370	Otto Gugelman	Bern
652	33	145	Wm. H. Zigler	Sabetha
653	18	206	Cecil O. Bloom	Seneca
654	36	1146	Robert H. Hilbert	Corning
655	42	745	Anton C. Reinecke	Seneca
656	44	1912	Geo E. Howard	Goff
657	37	448	Louiis M. Thompson	Wetmore
658	33	5	John T. Collier	Bancroft
659	37	912	Rollo J. Fisher	Corning
660	18	8176	Marion R. Grey	Seneca
661	40	819	Daniel C. Aeschleman	Sabetha
662	37	1079	Rev. Wm. J. Huscher	Bern
663	38	1736	Irvin D. Atkins	Corning
664	20	936	David J. Furst	Corning
665	39	126	Frank Pavileck	Vermillion
666	32	222	Joseph J. Strahm	Sabetha
667	18	88	Charles H. Whitney	Corning
668	18	2010	Leonard E. Anderson	Bancroft
669	19	299	Lawrence Krapp	Seneca
670	41	490	Martin King	Centralia
671	18	45	Arthur G. Korber	Bern
672	41	197	John H. Moore	Baileyville
673	20	236	Charles E. Guild	Goff
674	19	2029	Johnnie E. Brammer	Goff
675	33	1940	James Jackson	Sabehta
676	45	50	Roy C. Newton	Seneca
677	45	1566	Guy S. Graham	Wetmore
678	21	323	Harry F. Huff	Oneida
679	32	1441	John Fuller III	Seneca
680	42	743	Charles E. Tate	Seneca

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telligent, a diligent reader and a close and practical thinker. He bi-annually feeds from 250 to 350 head of cattle, and is prospering. He was born in Columbus, Pa., and learned the profession of contractor and builder from his father, Dan Mather, now of Clarksville, Iowa, beginning for himself in 1861. M. E. Mather soon saved about $7,000, which was his capital when he began in Kansas. His wife was miss Florence, daughter of Ex-State Senator J. M. Miller, who settled near Seneca in 1870 and is now a citizen of Colorado.

Jacob J. **Miller**, farmer, P.O. Sabetha, came sot Kansas in 1859, making the claim on which he now lives. During the first two years he worked in a Missouri saw-mill, and in 1861 enlisted for six months in the Missouri state Militia. Returning to his farm, he put in and harvested the crop of 1862, and in August enlisted in the Kansas Thirteenth for three years; fought at Cane Hill, Prairie grove, Van Buren and in other disputes with the Missouri and Arkansas rebels. For two years after the war he worked by the month for A. **Moorehead**. Built his house in 1867 and in 1868 married Miss Mary Moorehead. He now has 320 acres of land, all fenced and mainly under improvement, good buildings and a five acre orchard, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have four children – Annabel, Lillie, Bennie and Nellie, all born in Rock creek, Nemaha Co., Kan.

W. T. **Miller**, jeweler and dealer in watches, clocks, silverware, jewelry and musical instruments was born January 23, 1845 in Knox County, Ky. His parents settled near Falls City, Neb., in 1854. Here he grew to manhood, and established himself in business coming to Sabetha in 1882. He married in falls City, Annie E. **Powell**, who died in January, 1879, leaving four children, all born in Falls City. The father of W. T. Miller, John C. Miller, died in 1862, and the widowed mother, now sharing W.

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T. Miller's home, relates that in early times the famous General Jim Lane in disguise with 150 followers called at the Miller farmhouse and were treated to a substantial breakfast.

Archibald **Moorehead**, deceased, one of the first men to locate in Rock Creek Township, was a native of Ireland, who came to the United States alone at the age of thirteen years, and after a year spent in New York, located in Ohio, thence going to Iowa, thence in the fall of 1856, came to Kansas, where he bought 160 acres on Section 11, which is not the family homestead. He located here in the spring of 1857, and began farming and stock raising on a large scale, at one time owning 1,000 acres of land, in this county the home being about five miles north of Sabetha; here he died January 2, 1881, honored and respected by all whose friendship he had won during his long residence in the State. He was for years a member of the County Board of Supervisors, and was prominent in causing the county to take its decided course with the St. J. & W. R.R. Co., in 1872. Mrs. Mooreheaed was Sarah McBride of Coschocton, County, Ohio. Nine children resulted from this union, viz: Anna M., now Mrs. W. A. **Joy**, of Tecumseh, Neb.; Mary, now Mrs. J.J. **Miller**; Sarah, Mrs. I F. **Collins**; these were born in Coshocton County, Ohio. William M., Archibald, C, and Richard, all born in Wapello County, Iowa. Nannie, Now Mrs. Roy a Thompson; Nettie and Jennie; all born in rock Creek. Tow of the sons – A. C. of the firm Moorehead and Collins, hardware merchants Sabetha, and Richard – are joint owners of Section 16, in this county; 200 acres are under cultivation. Mrs. Moorehead and the two youngest children are on the home farm comprising all of section 11. During the border war this family were frequently visited by raiding parties from both sides, who, however, did not harm other than sponge free meals, and large ones.

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2	William Rothers	Germany	22	4 Oct 1904
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4	Joseph Holthaus	Germany	40	11 Jan 1904
5	Godfrey Bareiss	Germany	39	3 Oct 1904
6	Michael Stohr	Germany	40	10 Oct 1904
7	Gottlieb Schneider	Switzerland	41	10 Oct 1904
8	Leopold Mohringer	Germany		10 Oct 1904
9	August Lange	Germany	52	12 Oct 1904
10	Henry Meier	Germany	49	12 Oct 1904
11	Adolph Weiss	Germany	54	8 Jan 1906
21	Bernard Runnebaum	Germany	21	1 Nov 1904
22	Frank Anton Deters	Germany	46	1 Nov 1904
23	Bernard Glissman	Germany	26	1 Nov 1904
24	Bernard Kreutzmann	Germany	28	1 Nov 1904
25	Bernard Borchers	Germany	34	1 Nov 1904
26	Joseph Enneking	Germany	26	1 Nov 1904
27	Mike Michellie	Austria	29	4 Nov 1904
28	Henry Kuhling	Germany	27	5 Nov 1904
29	Clemens Vandenkampe	Germany	39	5 Nov 1904
30	Bernard Rethmann	Germany	25	5 Nov 1904
31	Henrich Huninghake	Germany	37	7 Nov 1904
32	Harry John Dodwell	England	33	7 Nov 1904
33	Bernard Kramer	Germany	23	7 Nov 1904
34	Ernst Ruprecht	Switzerland	27	7 Nov 1904
35	Joseph Schumacher	Germany	27	7 Nov 1904
36	Albert Knipper	Holland	52	1 Aug 1905
37	Henry Menold	Germany	19	11 Aug 1905
38	Gottlieb Mueller	Germany	21	11 Oct 1905
39	Christian Wehner	Germany	21	1 Nov 1905
40	Barney Wessel	Germany	21	30 Dec 1905
41	Carl Baltz	Germany	31	1 Feb 1906
42	Frank Gramke	Germany	21	15 June 1906
43	Walter Leigh Lemon	England	34	12 Sept 1906
44	Ernest Gerber	Switzerland	27	14 Sept 1906
45	August Schroder	Germany	28	19 Sept 1906

Nemaha County District Court

Seneca, Kansas

Sabetha

Roy Tarr has returned from Seneca and has accepted a position in H.C. & C.S. Haines' store.

Miss Mary E. Buck, who has been quite sick at her residence in the south part of town, is slowly improving.

Miss Cora Acton, of Seneca, has been in the city visiting her cousin, Mrs. Harry White.

Miss Addie Hook has returned from her school work at Oberlin Ohio where she has been attending school for the past year.

Miss Marie Todd, of Seneca, is a guest of Miss Helen Collins this week.

Miss Nellie Irwin returned home from Seneca last Saturday where she has been visiting her friend Mrs. Judge Moorhead.

On account of the illness of Rev. J.S. Ford the pulpit at the M.E. church was occupied by the presiding elder. Rev. Zimmerman, of Atchison.

Miss Grace and Ida McKnight of Hiawatha, who have been visiting their brother returned to their home last Sunday.

The 4th of July celebration in Sabetha was a success and everything went off all right, with the exception of the rain about 5 o'clock. The dance at the opera house which closed the day's entertainment was largely attended and everybody went home happy.

Mrs. Adamson and family have left for Glen Elder, Kansas where they expect to live in the future.

Polk Lewis and family have moved here from Troy, Kansas and will make this their future home. Mr. Lewis is an uncle of F. O. Zimmerman, the music man and will work for him.

Dr. Sam Murdock, jr., of Oneida, was here Monday in consultation with Dr. Reding over Rev. J. S. Ford. There is no improvement in his condition.

Ed. Clough of Cleveland, Ohio, is in the city visiting his many friends. He was at the convention at Kansas City and came up to visit for a few days.

Miss Myrtle Hollister came home from Hutchinson, Kan., to spend the hot months and will return again in cool weather. She has charge of a millinery stock.

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Case Kellar, of Phoenix, Arizona, arrived in the city last Monday, and will spend some time visiting his relative sand many friends. Mr. Kellar formerly lived here.

The Sabetha base ball team went to Pawnee City last Tuesday and was defeated by a score of 22 to 32. The Sabetha boys defeated the Pawnee City team here on the 4th.

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St. Mary's School

The Diocesan school report of 1921 says St. Mary's school was organized in 1883.

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The early settlers hired a Catholic man to teach their district and it was looked upon as a parish school. Later the Sisters came and they were hired by the district. The first district school stood at the northwest corner of the present cemetery. I am inclined to think it was the same building that had been erected for a church in 1859. Later a stone one-room building was built on the acre of school land west across the road from the present church. After the present church was finished the third church was moved east about in line with the present school, cut about 200 feet to the north. The so-called "Rock School" no longer being large enough to accommodate all the scholars, a rolling partition was placed in the old school and thus two more school rooms provided. The one Sister, however, continued to teach in the Rock school and received her salary from Dist. 33, which salary also went to pay for some of the expenses of the other teachers. Owing to the fact that a considerable part of the parish belonged to other school districts with children attending the Parish school there was always a little difficulty about financial arrangements.

In 1913, Rev. Cyril Bayer built the present school after the location and the architect had been chosen by this predecessor, Rev. Alban Rudroff, O.S.B. the school was considered one of the finest country schools in the state and was paid for on the day it was completed.

Rt. Rev. Bishop John Ward ruled that the arrangements with District 33 should be discontinued and the school operated in the new building strictly as a Parish school. This arrangement continued up to September, 1935.

In January, 1935, Rev. Cyril Bayer was again appointed the pastor. To lighten the school burden, the legislature passed a cooperative school law that seemed just made to help us in our difficulties. Districts 74 and 96 then rented the school building from the Parish and held schools as a public school. The Sisters, as well as the pastor, teach catechism at appointed times and the districts hire and pay the Sisters.

In September, 1935, a public high school was started. In 1936-1937, it was operated as a four-year high school, accredited by the state. This arrangement will save our people annually more than a thousand dollars in county tuition. A bus is hauling 81 of the children to school this year. In the course of another year or two, public busses will likely haul all our children to the Parish school.

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Oneida

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Miss Essie Gilmore attended the Leslie-Snyder wedding at Seneca last Wednesday.

Ben Wilkinson, who for the past year has been in the employ of a northern telephone company returned home Sunday for a few days visit.

F. E. Wikoff and wife visited in Seneca last week.

Wm. H. Wright went down to Kansas City Tuesday to addend the democratic convention.

Jess Hagan came home Monday to spend the 4th. He has been in Republic county organizing lodges for the M.W.A. order.

Mrs. R. Shinn and Mrs. H. L. Wikoff spent last week at Beatrice, Neb., attending the Chautauqua.

Mrs. Tim Gilmore has been to Dieler, Neb., visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Briggs.

Miss Bertha Roberts, of Lawrence, after several week's visit in this vicinity, returned to her home the first of the week.

Most of the Oneidans celebrated the 4th in Sabetha.

Our city drug store is undergoing repairs.

The Tribune thinks that -- -- Fuller, of Seneca, comes to Oneida to take lessons in "didactics." Well, may be he does, but we can't see it that way.

Chas. Wilson, sr., was in St. Joseph last week on business.

Charley Bell put some fine peaches in the market this week.

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The Town of Bern

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People Who Help Themselves by Helping Each Other. Their Motto Is: "United We Stand, Divided We Fall."

The early history of Bern is all modern history, and the archaeologist does not need to burrow among the musty archives for the record of its birth and early progress, for most everybody remembers all about when Bern was first started. In 1889 the Rock Island railroad was constructed through Washington township and it was necessary to locate a station somewhere within the confines of this township. The railroad traverses the township diagonally entering the southeast corner and passing out the northwest corner, and passing exactly through the center of the township, all opinions concurred that that would be the best place to put the station. The first name given to the station by the railroad company was Lehman in honor of Christ Lehman, one of the prominent farmers of that section. The land on which the station was located was owned by Col. Henry **Baker**, of St. Joseph, Mo., who being on the inside with the railroad company had recently purchased the land from Abraham **Nusbaum** and Mrs. **Smirl**. On November 12 1889, Col Baker filed the plat of the town of Bern and that date must be taken as the birthday of the town. The town was named after the capital of Switzerland in deference to the people of that locality, who were mostly from Canton Bern, in Switzerland. There was, however, considerable rivalry over what the name should be, and the post office department put in a post office there and named it Basel, after another large city in Switzerland. So for a short time the station was Lehman, town Bern and the post office Basel. This caused considerable confusion, and as the town was growing rapidly and much business being done there, it became evident that something had to be done to do away with this babel of names. The railroad company was the first to change the name of the station to Bern, but the post office department was reluctant to change the name to Bern as it was so nearly like "Burns' in Marion county, they feared it would be a source of continual confusion of the mails. The postal business of the town grew so important, however, that the department finally acceded and the post office was changed to Bern. A. P. **Herold**, of the Courier-Democrat, was the first postmaster at Bern. He only held the office a few months when he resigned, and Jonathan **Baker** was appointed.

Col Henry **Baker** is entitled to the distinction of being the "Daddy of Bern,' but we might insert here parenthetically, that there was never much filial affection wasted by the good people of the town on its "daddy."

The town of Bern was a lusty child from its very birth, and although it never had a so-called boom it has continued to grown, and is now undoubtedly one of the best little towns in the State of Kansas. Its people are of the progressive, enterprising sort, and any movement that is for the material welfare fo the town always has the united support of its citizens. The town is not and never has been, what in Kansas parlance is known as a "dry town." And yet in the three days that we were there we did not see a man that could be said to be under the influence of liquor.

"A Real Live Little Burg that Has Continued to Grow from the Beginning"

Every day is a big day with the merchants of Bern, and they get trade from territory that extends to within a few miles of all the surrounding towns. The town of Bern is all right, and will continue to be so as long as it is peopled by such thrifty, industrious, and intelligent citizens as now forms the bulk of its population. They know a good thing when they see it, too, for every business man in Bern takes the Courier-Democrat.

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Sabetha

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Died, Clarence V. Wolford, in St. Joseph, last Wednesday mronign after an operation for appendicitis. The remains were brought to Morrill and buried beside his brother. Deceased lived in Sabetha for a number of years and was one of the soldier boys of '98 having enlisted form here in Co. K, ?d Kansas.

Mrs. W. C. Rutan, who has been quite sick is slowly improving.

Miss Inez Adams, of Kansas City, is in the city the guest of Miss Effie Horton.

Married, on last Monday at high noon, at the home of the bride's parents, Joseph Stokes and Miss Agnes Ketchum. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Corwin of Seneca. The happy couple took the east bound C. &.R. I. for their home at Horton, Kan.

Mrs. Mary Cotton was called to Ohio last week by the serious illness of her mother.

T. Bundy, of Wakeeny, Kan., is in the city visiting his many friends. Mr. B. used to be in the windmill and pump business.

George Ira Adams and wife returned last Friday from their visiting in Wisconsin. They report a very pleasant time.

J. L. Musgrove's house and Frank Bower's house were both struck with lightning last Wednesday evening during the storm.

Rev. J.S. Ford, of the M.E. church, is still confined to his bed by sickness.

The Sabetha G.A.R. Post has arrangements made for an excursion to Fort Leavenworth about July 15 or 20.

Mrs. Sarah Dunlap has returned from her visit in Oklahoma. She reports everything booming there now, as harvesting is on in full blast.

Mrs. L. Crawford and Mrs. James Myers returned from their visit in Iowa last Sunday.

Mrs. V. Roberts of Western Nebraska, is in the city visiting her parents F. Starns and family.

Mrs. H. Tusher has a sister visiting her from Leavenworth. Shi will remain about a month.

Miss Grace Steele and Miss Kate Lahr went up to Seneca last Sunday to visit friends.

Joshua Rushnell is in town visiting his many friends. He is making his home with a daughter living at Vermillion, Kansas.

Orla Turner came up from St. Joseph to spend the 4th and see his many friends.

John Emmert is down from Lincoln, Neb., for the 4th. John is employed by the Rock Island R.R. as bridge carpenter.

Belle Riffer spent last Sunday and Monday in Morrill visiting her friend Mrs. Fay Furnish.

Edwin and Nellie Holbrook, of Lincoln, Neb., are in the city the guests of W.O. Bush and family. They are on their way to Texas.

Miss Ione Roberts went to Morrill where she will visit for a few days.

W. C. Buck has been down to St. Joseph where he went to secure attractions for the 4th of July celebration.

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The Second Five Hundred Names

Continued from Aug. 2003

Courier-Democrat
Oct. 31, 1918

Taken from the Cards in the Nemaha County Draft Records

The following is a list of the second five hundred Nemaha County men of the September 12,1918 registration of the ages between eighteen and forty-six with the order number, age and serial number of each.

Partial List of September Registrants

Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
681	43	1185	Bernie E. French	Sabetha
682	18	2	Geo. W. Brock	Goff
683	40	1908	John Stauffer	Bern
684	18	96	Alva L. Farley	Goff
685	18	258	Walter F. Theime	Goff
686	19	181	Robert L. Fountain	Sabetha
687	40	1172	Samuel L. Stewart	Vermillion
688	43	1414	John H. Waller	Seneca
689	34	1698	Ralph E. Welch	Sabetha
690	41	802	Geo. Shaffer	Corning
691	34	669	Clemens A. Blocker	Seneca
692	41	1861	Frank John Johnson	Corning
693	41	989	Wilhelm L. Meyer	Oneida
694	21	688	Curtis C. Hilbert	Corning
695	20	297	W. R. Coffelt	Goff
696	42	1583	Frank Myer	Vermillion
697	19	532	Harold C. Williams	Wetmore
698	20	563	James A. McBride	Axtell
699	18	1704	Robert D. Henry	Sabetha
700	43	733	Joel C. Meyer	Sabetha
701	36	1131	Elmer L. Nightingale	Centralia
702	18	65	Joseph H. Dressman	Seneca
703	36	1591	Donald G. Hughes	Sabetha
704	19	267	Carl C. Hanni	Corning
705	45	1788	August Enneking	Baileyville
706	40	1231	Frederick W. Funk	Oneida
707	37	992	Ezra P. Fellers	Seneca
708	34	1001	Frank Mohrman	Seneca
709	18	566	Leon D. Stahn	Corning
710	39	1539	Charles F. Walker	Seneca

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Biographical Sketches

John P. **Pendergrass**, farmer. P.O. Sabetha, settled in Wyandotte County, Kan., in 1857; worked there until 1861; then settled on a farm three and half miles northwest of Sabetha. This he sold in 1866, settling where he now lives. Has 330 acres; 200 under cultivation. H married in Atchison, Kan., Julia Cavanagh, by whom he has five children, all born in Kansas, as was an infant and deceased daughter. Mr. Pendergrass was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1848.

"was wounded at Antietam"

Daniel **Pettit**, farmer, P. O. Sabetha, was born in 1822, in Cambridgeshire, England, and married in the same shire, Elizabeth Gotobed, who was born 1823 in Helge, Norfolk, They came to America in 1851, and settled in Genessee County, N. Y., thence removing to Carroll County, Ill.; thence to their present Kansas farm. In New York State, Mr. Pettit worked as a wagon maker, and in Illinois as carpenter and joiner. During the Civil War he served in the First Illinois Artillery. He had done good work on the farm were he now lives, having brought it all to a high state of improvement, erected good buildings, planted hedges, orchard, grove, etc. The children are: Rebecca, born January 1, 1843; James, born July 2, 1848; William, Born October 31, 1850; Elizabeth, born November 25, 1853, Daniel J., October 9, 1855; Anna, July 17, 1859; Thomas, August 8, 1862, and Nathan, January 9, 1864; Two children – Daniel and Martha died in infancy.

J. E. **Price**, proprietor of elevator, came to this city in 1879. He was born July 4, 1843 in Huntingdon County, Pa.; enlisted early in the Civil War in the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; served eight months; was wounded at Antietam, and then fought until the collapse of the rebellion in the First Pennsylvania Light Artillery, coming out with a Lieutenant's commission, as a reward for heroism displayed in manning an abandoned gun at the siege of Richmond. From 1865 to 1873 he was in Cincinnati; from 1873 to 1875 I Doniphan County, Kans, and then in Hiawatha until 1879, when he bought a home and settled with his family in Sabetha. He is an Odd Fellow, belongs to the K. of H., and represented his lodge in the Grand Lodges of 1882 at Atchison.

Caleb **RAWSON**, farmer, P.O. Sabetha, was born in 1812, in Northbridge, Mass., and has been a lifelong and successful farmer. He emigrated to Geneseo, Ill., in 1852 and improved three farms thereabouts. In 1861 he sellted in Jasper County, Iowa, improving three more farms in that county. The year 1870 found him on a new quarter section in Capioma Township, Nemaha County; after developing this farm, he began on another new one in Rock Creek Township, Sections 29

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and 30. Here, in 1870, he planted 300 apple trees which, with 400 planted, subsequently make up what is conceded to be one of the most thrifty productive and valuable orchards in Nemaha County; the first planted orchard alone produced 800 bushels of apples in 1881. At this writing both orchards are so laden down, that it has become necessary to destroy part of the fruite, as propping limbs has proved insufficient. Mr. Rawson is now living on his ninth farm, and has made it to "blossom like a rose garden," as he has all that have come into his possession during his fifty years' experience as a farmer. Beginning with land once broken, but abandoned, and so weed-grown that fire swept the ground clear, has planted trees, vines and fruit bearing and ornamental shrubs in the greatest profusion; built a tasteful and substantial frame farmhouse, a barn, etc., and to-day his suburban farm is a model to see. His vineyard comprises 370 vines mainly Concords; his garden of three acres, and the remainder to great crops of corn and potatoes, the equal of which the writer has not seen in Kansas. 10,000 Catawba plants growing in immense dense green rows, are one of the features that interest the visitor at this pretty farm and hospitable home, while but a word can be said regarding the thrifty and vigorous orchards of peaches and apples not fairly started.

P. W. **SEAMANS**, retired farmer, was born in Woodstock, Conn, in 1816 and reared in Steuben County, N.Y., and in the fall of 1858 came to Kansas, making claims ton Sections 20 and 29, Rock Creek Township. On this farm he planted Seamans' Grove on of the first in Nemaha County, visible for many miles in either direction, and the landmark for the host of over-land travelers, who soon began to make such claims upon his hospitality, as to encourage him to enlarge his cabin to a fair-sized house, and build a stone stable forty feet long. While living, with his wife and children in his board roofed, floorless and windowless house a party of eight travelers, not liking his slender accommodations, pushed on one cold night and nearly froze to death on the open prairie, trying to find Seneca, then the nearest inhabited point to the West. His place was popular for years thereafter, and was known all over the west as Seamans' Grove, which name it still bears, though he sold the property in 1865. He then lived on a farm at Albany, until his final retirement to Sabetha in 1881. He married in Steuben County, N.Y., Phoebe Blakeslee, who died in 1878, leaving three children. The present Mrs. Seaman's maiden name was Sarah Russell, of Seneca County, N.Y. She married Benjamin Force, who died in New York State, leaving two chil-

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dren – David A. Force, of Detroit, and Lizzie E., now Mrs. Blakeslee of Elmira, N.Y.

Samuel **SLOSSON**, of Slosson Bros., was born in 1837, in Broome County, N.Y.; reared on a farm and came thence, in 863, to Albany, Kan., associating with his brother W. B. Slosson, who had located there as early as 1858. The brothers were prominent and prosperous merchants here until 1870, when the "packed up bags and baggage" and came to Sabetha, building the east part of the "Red Front" block. Samuel Slosson was the first station agent at this point, serving about a year. About this time the brothers built the warehouse now known as the Price elevator, and continued in the mercantile and grain business. In 1881, the "Red Front" block was nearly trebled in size, its present dimensions being 64 x 70 feet. Mr. Slosson married in Salem, Neb., in 1875 Miss Emma S. daughter of Dr. J. R. Brooke, a native of Philadelphia, who brought his family to Salem in 1860. Mrs. Slosson was born in Ohio, and educated in the Nebraska State Norman School, from which she graduated in 1871. She enjoys the honor of being the only lady physician in Nemaha County, having spent 1874-75 in the Woman's Medical College, Philadephia, from which institution she graduated with full honors in 1875. She relates with evident interest, that during the severe winter of 1880-81, "Old Doctor Irwin" and herself were the only practitioners in Sabetha, the others, in consequence of the State Registration Law, having either quit practice or resumed study in order to secure the required diplomas. Mr. and Mrs. Slosson have two sons – Frank S. and John Brook, both born in Sabetha.

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"having spent 1874-75 in the Woman's Medical College, Philadephia"

Goffs

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The copious rains on Wednesday of last week came just in time for the farmers of this vicinity, and insures a large corn crop.

Mr. Baron, a farmer living northeast of town, is reported to be quite sick.

The crops are looking remarkably fine in these parts. We never saw cleaner fields in our life. The dry spell gave the farmers a good chance to get ahead of the weeds.

Chester Heald is working for Joseph Woodburn on the farm.

C. C. Abbott, the merchant prince of Holton and diverse other places, was in the city of Goffs on business last Friday.

Burt Rucker is building an addition his residence in the northeast part of town.

Dick McDaniel has sold his interest in the McDaniel thresher to Dan Brant, of Woodlawn, and Dan will assist the farmers in getting their big wheat and oats crop ready for market.

Goffs celebrated the glorious 4th in spread eagle style. It was a great day for Goffs. Hon. George Hayden, Rev. Alexander Bennett, and Elder L. H. arum were the orators of the day, and made the eagle scream and soar. The shooting tournament and athletic sports and the fire works all attracted the crowd, and the grand ball in the evening rounded out a high old time.

A number of our leading democrats went down to Kansas City to see the next president nominated.

WPA Births, 1902 to 1913

Father	sex	date	place	issue	year
Brock, Mike	son		Goff	8	1903
Brock, Mike	girl	Sept	Goff	51	1905
Brock, John S.	son	Feb. 10	Axtell	20	1913
Brokamp, Aug.	son		Centralia	30	1904
Brokamp, Aug.	girl	May	Kelly	31	1905
Brokamp, Aug.	son	Feb	Seneca	49	1909
Brokamp, Aug	girl		Kelly	21	1912
Brikman, Elmer	son	Feb	Goff	30	1910
Bronaugh, Elmer	girl	Aug. 4	Kelly	43	1906
Bronaugh, E. G.	girl		Kelly	34	1904
Brooks, W.	girl	Dec	Centralia	13	1906
Brower, Abe	girl		Centralia	37	1912
Brown, C. O.	son		Baileyville	30	1903
Brown, Oscar	son		Sabetha	21	1904
Brown, H.J.	son			23	1904
Brown, Adolph	son		Corning	30	1904
Brown, Bob	son		Baileyville	25	1904
Brown, A.	son	April	Corning	30	1905
Brown, I.L.	girl		Sabetha	8	1904
Brown, Frank	son	Nov.	Centralia	8	1905
Brown, R. I.	girl	Oct	Baileyville	5	1905
Brown, A.	girl	Feb.	Corning	49	1909
Brown, Clyde	twins (died)			13	1909
Broxterman, Wm	girl	Jan 2	St. Benedict	11	1904
Broxterman, John	son	Oct. 24		12	1904
Broxterman, F.	son	Jan	Baileyville	17	1905
Broxterman, John	son			40	1906
Broxterman, Frank	son			25	1907
Broxterman, Joseph	son	Nov. 30	St. Benedict	7	1906
Broxterman, Will	girl	Mar 31	Baileyville	25	1912
Broxterman, Aug.	son	June 5		35	1911
Broxterman, Wm	girl	June 6	Baileyville	13	1911
Broxterman, Aug	son	Jan 22	Baileyville	16	1913
Broxterman, Frank	girl (died)		Baileyville	29	1913
Broxterman, Frank	girl	September	Baileyville	49	1909
Broxterman, Will	girl	Jan. 9		14	1911
Bryan, F. P.	son	Mar	Centralia	49	1909
Bryan, Clark	girl	July	Corning	43	1905
Byran, Clark	girl	Oct.	Corning	51	1903
Bryant, Alonzo	son		Goff	8	1903
Bryan, Eph.	Girl	Jan. 3	Kelly	13	1912
Bryan, Frank	girl	June	Centralia	49	1909

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History of Local Churches Dates Back to Late Fifties

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The first parish house was begun in 1861. Some of it was finished with the greatest difficulty. The second was built by Father Timothy in 1884. This served until 1923. It is now the home of Anton Weber at St. Benedict. Father Timothy about this time built two other identical houses one at Fidelity still serves as a Rectory, the other at St. Bridget in later years served as a Sisters house and school until it burned in 1936.

In 1923, Rev. Gregory Neumayr, O.S.B. guilt the present rectory.

About 1884 or 1883 the Sisters came here to live. For one year they lived in a one-room shed, belonging to Joseph Blocker. It is still in use a a shed west of the Anton Weber home. Next they moved into the first parish house, partly log with a little board annex. This stood south of the present church.

In 1895, after the new church was completed, the old church was moved east and used as a recreation hall and school. The sacristy part was moved 25 feet farther east and an addition built to it, and it served as the Sisters' residence until Rev. Gregory Neumayr built the present Sisters' residence in 1929 at a cost of $11,525.

St. Mary's Parish has given the Church the following priests:

Reverends: Wm. Rettele, Francis Welp, Sylvester Schmitz, Clement Nordhus, Adrian Stallbaumer, Meinrad Nordhus, Albert Haverkamp, Edward Schmitz, Cyprian Nordhus, Virgil Stallbaumer.

And these Sisters: Irmengard Beedo, Euphemia Welp, Veronica Haug, Applonia Haug, Sennorina Dignan, Agilbertha Ketter, Nothbugs Klunenberg, Laurentia Klunenberg, Radegund Enneking, Celestine Nordhus, Cordula Koelzer, Maximilla Rillinger, Adriana Stallbaumer, Ildephonse Nordhus, Placida Nordhus, Aleidis Harpenan, Charlotte Hammes, Annella Olberding, Marcia Tangeman, Vernard Tangeman, Adella Beedo, Eustochia Haug, Marcella Dignan, Clementine Hammes, Canissia Tangeman, Clarissa Tangeman, Rita Rillinger.

We have one seminarian, Vincent Kongs, in his first year of theology at the Josephinum at Columbus, O.

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Kelly Was Originally Known as Lincoln

From the
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EDITOR'S NOTE: We wish to express our thanks to Leo Niehues and his father, Herbert Niehues for supplying us with some information regarding the history of Kelly. Mr. Henry Meyer had shared information with Leo originally and Leo prepared a school paper for an English assignment in March, 1974, and shared this paper with us. Mr. Herbert Niehues also shared some memories regarding Kelly. Additional information was gleaned from a library resource book on Nemaha County History.

OLD LINCOLN TOWN AND KELLY

The settlers who first came to Kelly because of its location to the old Lincoln site which was to be the county seat. They wanted to settle close to it and located 2 miles away from it. Upon completion of

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Father	Sex	Date	Place	Issue	Year
Brown, Clyde	son		Mitchell Twp. 11	1911	
Brown, Ed.	Son			3	1910
Brown, H. J.	son	Apr 22	Kansas City	30	1910
Brown, J. H.	girl	Nov	Centralia	3	1903
Brown, R. I.	girl	June 5	Westmoreland 37	1911	
Brooks, W.	girl	Dec 6	Centralia	13	1906
Brucken, Ed	son	Aug	Kelly	47	1911
Brumbaugh, C	son	Oct	Sabetha	5	1905
Bruner, John	girl		Bern	52	1904
Burner, E. L.	child	April	Sabetha	27	1913
Bucher, Fred	girl	July	Bern	43	1905
Buck, C.	son		Granada	8	1904
Bufray, M. H.	girl	Nov.	Corning	8	1905
Bump, Harold	son	Jan. 31	Cheyenne, Wyo	16	1910
Bumphrey, Wm.	Son	May 11	Corning	30	1904
Bumphrey, Wm	girl	Nov. 10		5	1905
Bunker, A.A.	son		Sabetha	37	1904
Burdick, B.	son	July	Goff	3	1910
Burdick, Henry	girl	Jan. 7		13	1909
Burger, Harry	son	Feb. 19		20	1913
Burgett, Wm	girl		Goff	44	1904
Burgett, H.	son	June	Centralia	49	1909
Burviell, E.	girl	May	Sabetha	41	1910
Busenbarrick, Fred	son	July 31	Robinson	44	1910
Burck, Clyde	girl	Jan	Capioma	30	1910
Buckinham, U.B.	girl	Oct	Seneca	51	1903
Buckingham, U.B.	son	March	Vermillion	25	1905
Buehler, Edwin	son	Sept. 13		48	1910
Buen, Wm.	Girl		Bern	34	1904
Buser, Clemens	girl (died)			9	1903
Buser, Clemens	son	Nov		6	1905
Buser, C. A.	girl	Dec 19		10	1907
Buser, C. A.	girl	Oct		1	1909
Buser, C. A.		Feb. 25		25	1911
Buser, A. F.		July 7		43	1909
Buser, Anton	girl	March 7	Wichita	22	1913
Buser, Ben	son	Jan. 25		16	1913
Buser, Dan.	Son	Aug 18	Fidelity	45	1910
Buser, Dan	son		Fidelity	44	1906
Buser, Henry	son	Jan. 9	Fidelity	13	1906
Buser, Henry	son	Mar. 3	Wichita	22	1911
Buser, H. J.	girl	Feb. 10	Atchison	18	1910
Buser, John	girl	Dec. 18	Powhattan	11	1911
Buser, John	son	March. 4	Wichita	22	1913
Buskirk, L.H.	son	June 4		35	1910

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The Bern Gazette

E. M. ford, editor and proprietor of the Gazette, was born in Wisconsin and came to Kansas twenty years ago. Mr. Ford gets out a neat five column quarto chock full of news and the "ads" that are sprinkled here and there throughout the paper, is evidence that the business men of Bern appreciate and are alive to the needs of a successful newspaper. The Gazette is independent in politics although its editor is a good democrat. A good newspaper is a good thing for a town and the Gazette is always found on the right side of everything that pertains to the welfare of Bern and vicinity.

J. T. Slusher

J. T. Slusher was born in Illinois at an early period in his existence and landed in Oneida in 1881 driving a pair of mouse colored mules that had marched through Georgia with Sherman. Joe engaged in farming for a few years, but he was so small in stature that he could hardly manipulate the plow handles and began to look around for more congenial and lucrative employment. The next day after his defeat for county clerk, he opened up a general mercantile store. Joe's size seems to be all right for this and he has so much business now that he hardly had time to give us a pleasant look when we went around to interview him. Joe was burned out by the fire that destroyed most of the business houses in Bern, but he at once put in a new and larger stock and now he has one of the model stores of the country. Mr. Slusher is not only a successful business man but is a pleasant gentleman to meet and is a general favorite among the girls. The head clerk in this establishment is a good looking your man by the name of W. L. Kauffman, who was the fusion nominee for county clerk last fall. He made a good race and if he ever rungs against Pap Sanborn again there will be a different story to tell when the votes are counted.

F. G. Minger

F. G. Minger is a product of Washington township. He was born in 1866 and has always made his home in this township. Like many of our most successful businessmen his early life was spent on a farm where he learned the lessons of industry and frugality. He is the son of Christ Minger Sr., deceased, who was one of the first settlers. Fred located in Bern in 1889, when the town was first laid out, and has been in the jewelry business ever since. He carries a large and up-to-date stock of jewelry and makes a specialty of fitting eyeglasses and repairing watches and clocks.

Jacob Shrober

Jacob Schober came to Kansas in 1869 from Switzerland, his native land. He learned the harness making trade 20 years ago and has been in the business ever since. Nine years ago he opened up a harness shop in Bern. He carries a full line of harness and harness supplies and has a large and growing trade. Mr. Schober also makes harness s to order, which, of course is a superior article to the factory made harness.

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The Second Five Hundred Names

Continued from Nov. 2003

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Partial List of September Registrants
Taken from the Cards in the Nemaha County Draft Records

The following is a list of the second five hundred Nemaha County men of the September 12,1918 registration of the ages between eighteen and forty-six with the order number, age and serial number of each.

Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
711	41	761	Hugh C. Duff	Sabetha
712	36	1892	James Baxter	Goff
713	36	1484	Frank E. Alsup	Seneca
714	44	167	Frank O. Hailey	Seneca
715	39	10	Glen M. Holliday	Vermillion
716	39	410	August Bentzinger	Centralia
717	19	1817	Fridolin G. Stallbaumer	Kelly
718	37	466	Isaac L. Camp	Goff
719	35	735	Wm. M. Rettele	Seneca
720	42	64	John A. Bartholemew	Pawnee
721	20	2003	Merritt E. Scott	Sabeth
722	36	546	Sylvan Aeschlman	Sabetha
723	18	179	Charley H. Keiswetter	Wetmore
724	39	690	Benjamin Wittmer	Bern
725	39	1413	Allen W. Sherwood	Centralia
726	43	861	Milton Poland	Sabetha
727	35	380	Robert E. Draney	Oneida
728	38	814	Carl O. Proctor	Sabetha
729	24	1144	Thomas S. Ingels	Wetmore
730	28	465	Andy C. Aeschlman	Sabetha
731	38	1796	Henry E. Wagner	Wetmore
732	34	1467	Joseph Reichert	Kelly
733	25	2660	Roy A. Moores	Seneca
734	36	1152	Joseph H. Christman	Seneca
735	42	15	Anrel Surdez	Onaga
736	35	736	Henry W. Kempin	Corning
737	32	722	Hugh E. Werner	Corning
738	35	1525	Raymond F. Becker	Onaga
739	35	292	Carl A. Poppe	Bern
740	21	1838	Fred C. Porter	Seneca

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Old Lincoln Town and Kelly

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the Grand Island in Seneca, it was decided that the county seat would be placed at Seneca and consequently Lincoln died before it was hardly begun. Therefore, we might mention our very scant information regarding Lincoln. The only records we would find available was information from the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka. They wrote, "Very little information exists concerning the town of Lincoln in Nemaha County. The townsite was located on August 15, 1860 in Valley Township on Nemaha Creek and the state road from Circleville to Seneca. The town was platted by J. E. Hocker and was recorded on November 20, 1860. Apparently the town was abandoned before 1883. We have been told that Lincoln was the located on the present site of Lake Nemaha.

"Consequently, Lincoln died before it was hardly begun."

The building of the K. C. and N. W. Railroad through Nemaha county necessitated another shipping station midway between Goff and Seneca. Kelly was the result. (In the 1916 reference book, "Kelly has thrived and prospered and has gathered unto itself from surrounding locations.")

Kelly was laid out as a town in 1887 or 1888. It got its name from one of the stockholders of the railroad. The community was made up of mostly German and Irish descendants. Among the first businesses were the post office, two general stores, grain elevator, lumberyard, blacksmith, livery stable, hardware store, stockyard, bank, and two car agencies. One General Store was owned by Emil Jonach, Jr., and another store by Schumacker and Ketters. Dr. Fitzgerald was a druggist as well as a physician. Mrs. Fitzgerald was the assistant druggist, post-mistress, telephone operator, and was editor for several months of the only paper Kelly has had, "The Kelly Booster". The paper was printed at Goff but the effort was too great a tax on the village criterion and after a few months of excellent editing, it was abandoned. Bernard Harrish tried to publish a peper there later. He was located at Smithville, Mo., in charge of the "Herald".

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Centralia

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Mrs. W. L. Stickle returned to her home at Council Groves Thursday, after a few weeks visit with relatives and friends in this city.

Miss Nora Cogswell, who has been visiting her mother, returned to her work at Leavenworth Friday.

Mrs. A. H. Bonsteel received a message this week stating that her father was dangerously ill at Freeport, Illinois. She immediately left for her old home. Miss Jessie, her daughter, accompanied her as far as Atchison where she will await her mother's return.

Mrs. Miller and her daughter Gertie, accompanied by Mrs. Hilton, visited Miss Mable Hilton at Westmoreland last week.

Mrs. W. A. Skinner and Mrs. Brady left for Frankfort Monday to spend the Fourth.

Miss Cecelia Hogan, who has been visiting her cousin Mrs. J.A. Dock of this city returned to her home in California.

Mrs. Albert King entertained a number of young ladies Riday, in honor of her cousin, Miss Eda Kuhlman. Those present were Misses Althea Pampel, Ruby Young, Ethel Lohmuller, Louise Best, Phila Houck and Winnie Maynard.

Mr. Will Loudenbach and Miss Floral Donald were married Thursday evening at the home of the bride.

T. M. Darland is building a new fence around his mansion west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pampel returned home Tuesday after having enjoyed a pleasant trip through the northern states.

Miss Louise Bet returned from Atchison Thursday where she has been visiting friends and relatives for the past three weeks.

Miss Bertha Bowen very charmingly entertained eleven young ladies in the honor of Miss Nellie Gaylord. The merry party consisted of Misses Loui Fundis, Etha Lytle, Anna Dorman, Mary Durland, Ethel Lohmuller, Ruby Young, Winnie Maynard, Phila Houck, Althea Pampel, Louise Best and Elda Kuhlman.

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Miss Lou Fundis entertained a few of her intimate friends Wednesday afternoon.

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Biographical Sketches

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From "Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas" Andreas' History of Kansas

N. S. SMITH, proprietor Chicago Lumber Yard, was born in 1837, in Ashland County, Ohio. He removed to Henry County, Ill., where in 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Served in East Tennessee, and fought with his regiment at Chattanooga, through the Atlanta campaign, and finally with the brave old "Pap" Thomas at Franklin and Nashville. Was sick in hospital during the summer of 1865; discharged August 1865. He then engaged in farming in Henry County, Ill, until 1879 when he came to Sabetha. He deals in all kinds of lumber and building materials, and somewhat in agricultural implements.

"this act undoubtedly made the state of West Virginia possible"

Hon. Campbell TARR, deceased, was born in 1818, in Wellsburg, W. Va., where he spent most of his life. A Douglas Democrat in politics he early took a decided stand against secession, for which he was compelled to leave Richmond by night to save his life. In April, 1861, with two others, he went to Washington and succeeded in getting 3,000 stand of arms with which the loyal Virginians were armed; this act undoubtedly made the state of West Virginia possible. He was one of the leaders in the movement culminating in the erection of West Virginia as a State in 1863. He was first State Treasurer and a Lincoln delegate in 1864, and was re-elected State Treasurer in 1865. In 1870 he located at Sabetha, having purchased land in Kansas as early as 1856. He was one of the original owners of Sabetha, and later platted the addition that bears his name. At his death December 1, 1879, he left five children, one of whom, Hammonnd Tarr, now a prosperous merchant of Sabetha, is proving himself worthy of his father's honorable name and record.

William K. THOMPSON, deceased, a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, was a son of David Thompson. The family removed to Athens County, Ohio, then to Illinois, then to Jasper County, MO., thence in 1859 to Douglas County, Kans. In 1865 the two brothers W. K and A. J. Thompson, settled at Rock Creek. William K. Thompson married Frances Secreast, of Guernsey County, Ohio, and at his death October 19, 1867, left three children – Ruth, Rachel and William K. His estate then comprised 333 acres of valuable land, part of which has been sold or divided among the heirs. At his deceased son's old home, lives his father, now a widower and in failing health, aged eighty. After an extended visit to California, he settled here with his son. Abraham J. Thompson, born in Guernsey County, Ohio, was a lifelong

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companion of his elder brother; married Phoebe Tucker, in Jasper County, Mo., and died August 13, 1875, leaving five children, one of whom has since died.

Albert WEST came to Kansas in 1866; was on a farm in Rock Creek three years, then came to Sabetha, first leasing and later buying the hotel property of A. W. Williams. This he kept as "West's hotel" for five years and "fed 'em well if I did have mean accommodations," as he says. The house was a patchwork affair, comprising seven different "additions" or "stories on the ground" as they were then called. Mr. West was born in 1817, in Tompkins County, N. Y., and married Harriet N. Stratton. They have five children living. During the past few years Mr. West has devoted himself to the practice of veterinary surgery. He is owner also of "Zern," a handsome, mahogany bay stallion, for which he paid $1,000 in Chautauqua County, N.Y. "Zern" is of Blackhawk and Hambletonian stock, and a most valuable animal.

Col. W. S. WHITE, owner of the Oakland Stock Farm, near Sabetha. This farm is one of those institutions that springing up in a few years as it has, ought to be a model for many who, instead of decrying Kansas as a drouthy, grasshopper country might well attempt to rival it. In 1872, Col. White bought 160 acres, still the "homestead quarter" and placed thereon thirty-two fine bred Short-horn cattle. Gradually adding to his farm and herd, he has to-day a magnificent farm of 575 acres in a body, with a detached 160 acres in Brown County. His herd comprises 110 head, all eligible to register, and all registered except the younger and barren animals. He annually sells about forty head of these choice pedigreed cattle to Kansas farmers, who now fully appreciate the value of the rare breeding and exceptional care bestowed by the Colonel upon his herd. For years past he has exhibited stock at various county fairs, and wearying of his easily won laurels, tested the merits of his stock in competition with the herds of the State in1882, with the most gratifying results. His cattle are from the best herds of Kentucky and Illinois, bred by such men as J. H. Spears & Sons, Wm. Stevenson & Sons., C. E. Lippincott, Pickerell, of Decatur and others equally noted as progressive successful breeders. Col. Which himself has the only completed edition of the American Short-horn Herd Book in the State. He has a substantial even elegant home, his house, built "four-square to every wind," being one of the largest farmhouses in Northern Kansas. He is a native of Menard County, Ill, and a graduate of Illinois College, at Jacksonville. In early life he often met Abraham Lincoln in familiar neighborly intercourse, and has of him vivid and most pleasant recollections.

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History of Local Churches Dates Back to Late Fifties

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The Cemetery

I think it was during Rev. Anthony Baar's time that a large wooden cross with afive-foot metal corpus was erected in the cemetery. Rev. Gregory, about 1920, had a new Calvary group erected. Anton Sudbeck was one of the donors. George Haug mad the brick pedestal. Father Gregory also had a substantial ornamental fence place at the west side of the cemetery.

Last year a new addition to the cemetery was started. So far, 5000 cubic yards of dirt have been moved in an effort to level the ground. No individual monuments are to be allowed in the new addition. All the lots are to be laid out so as to converge upon one common beautiful memorial.

Methodist Episcopal Church

The first Seneca M.E. church was dedicated June 10, 1877. It is now owned by the First church of Christ Scientist and is the present home of Boy Scout troop No. 175. Rev. D. J. Holmes of Topeka preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. C. Holman, who laid out Holman's addition to Seneca, was the presiding elder. He was assisted by Rev. J. A. Amos, then of Troy and Rev. A. J. Coe of Waterville and the pastor, Rev. N. Taylor.

Mrs. J. P. Mathews of Sabetha was soloist for the choir. Mrs. J. H. Johnston was organist. The church had 31 members. The building cost $3150. A dept of $1500 was paid off in the morning and evening services. The Ladies Furnishing Co., bought the chandeliers and pulpit chairs. The chairs are still in use.

The Seneca Circuit of the Seneca church, the little band of men and women who laid the foundation of the church organization, was organized as the Kansas-Nebraska circuit of the Holton Mission, Topeka district. The first quarterly meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Burgraves on Turkey creek, July 12, 1858. E. Robertson and James Lawrence were the ministers in charge. The officers of the circuit were G. W. Chase, Henry Medcalf, Andrew Woods and Elias Woodburn and J. W. Carman. The total collection for the year was $79.29.

On June 18, 1859, the name of the Circuit was changed to Central City Mission at a meeting held at the Turkey Creek Chapel. The territory of the new circuit embraced all of Nemaha county and part of Borwn county. Joseph Denison was presiding elder and Asbury Clark the minister in charge. The officer chosen for the new circuit were J. W. Corman, Henry Medcalf, Andrew Woods and John Lowry. The total collections for that year were $58.87 of which Seneca gave $4.45.

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Return completed form and a check or money order for $10.00. Please make all checks payable to the Nemaha County Historical Society. Enclose a SASE if you wish to receive your membership card thru the mail. Address the application to the Nemaha County Historical Society, 6th and Nemaha, Seneca, KS 66538.

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From the Courier-Tribune

William Kongs had a hardware store and R.S. Vandervant was the village blacksmith. (The paper Harrish tried to publish and the Kongs Hardware and Vandevant Blacksmithing was around 1916 according to information.)

The Methodist Church was established along with the foundation of the town of Kelly. There were eight original members and they were served by Rev. Moyer of Corning. There was an Universalist Church in Kelly. There was a school house. Fr. Edwin Cassen, OSB, came to Kelly from Atchison later and held church in the Bernard Gellhaus home which is the present home of Leroy Winkler. Shortly after, he erected a small building and taught school in it. The St. Bede Parish was founded in 1902 with Barney

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WPA Births 1902-1913

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Father	Sex	Date	Place	Issue	Year
Busse, Chas.	Son	Mar. 17		25	1903
Busse, Chas.	Son	Jan		17	1905
Busse, Chas.	Son	May		49	1909
Bussing, Barney	girl		Kelly	30	1904
Bussing, Barney	girl	Nov	Kelly	8	1905
Bussing, Joseph	son	Nov. 26	St. Benedict	6	1906
Bussing, Barney	girl	Sept. 2	Kelly	51	1912
Bussman, Harry	son			35	1912
Burt, Lawrence	girl	Aug	Wetmore	3	1910
Butler, John	girl	Mar. 7	Corning	28	1903
Butler, Chas	girl			8	1905
Butler, Chas	girl			14	1907
Butler, C. J.	girl	Mar. 24		49	1909
Butler, Chas.	Girl	Oct. 30	Virginia City	3	1911
Butler, Chas.	Girl	Feb. 1		17	1913
Butler, Jim	son	Mar	Centralia	30	1910
Butler, Jim	son		Coal Creek	6	1911
Buttner, W.	girl		Baileyville	3	1910
Byrne, Frank	son	Jan. 4		12	1906
Byrne, John	son	July 17	Axtell	41	1913
Caldwell	girl	Mar	Centralia	49	1909
Calhoun	son	June	Sabetha	41	1910
Callahan, J.	son	Aug	Wetmore	47	1905
Callahan, John	son	Mar	Corning	30	1910
Callahan, John	son		Goff	17	1912
Camp, Isaac	girl	Mar	Corning	30	1910
Campbell, D. K.	girl (died)		Goff	47	1905
Campbell, D.K.	girl		Goff	47	1905
Carey, Willard	girl	Feb.	Goff	28	1903
Carey, Arthur	son	Jan. 18	Corning	28	1903
Carey, Will	son	Aug. 3		42	1910
Carey, W. E.	girl			14	1912
Carey, W. B.	son	Aug. 10		3	1910
Carpenter, Henry	son	March		21	1902
Carpenter, Chas.	Son	Jan		17	1905
Carpenter, Henry	girl			52	1906
Carpenter, Harry	girl	March		49	1909
Carpenter, M. S.	son	March	Sabetha	49	1909
Carpenter, Roy	girl	Feb. 12		18	1912
Carpenter, Earl	son	July 10	Sabetha	3	1910

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The Town of Bern

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William Scott & Son

A. L. Scott, the manager and junior member of the firm of William Scott & Son was born in Nebraska and has been in Kansas 21 years. This firm has been in the lumber business in Bern nine years and al the materials for building in and around this rapidly growing town are furnished by this lumber yard. Their motto, which is painted on every fence corner and vacant building, is "Our competitors keep lumber and paint, we sell ours."

Nusbaum & Miller

Mr. Nusbaum is a Hoosier by birth and has been in Kansas seventeen years. Mr. Miller hails from the "Sucker" state and has been in Kansas twenty-seven years. This enterprising firm carry from $8,000 to $10,000 stock of general merchandise. Previous to the fire Messrs. Nusbaum & Miller were clerks for Mr. Hamman, who ran a general store, but with the usual Kansas "get there" instilled in them they opened up a store of their own and with courteous and fair treatment to their customers they have built up a good trade and are on the highway to wealth.

John A. Minger, Jr.

John A. Minger, jr., was born in Kansas during the civil war. He has been in the hardware business in Bern ever since the town was started. Mr. Minger carries a full and up-to-date line of hardware, implements and buggies and is doing a good business.

N. Nusbaum

Noah Nusbaum, like his brother was born in Indiana and has been in Kansas seventeen years. He has been running the only meat market n Bern for five years. Here is the place you can get a nice juicy steak or roast that compares favorably with the best meats in the large cities.

Grant Hardware and Implement Co.

H. M. Grant, the head of this firm, was born in Illinois and has been in Kansas twenty years. This firm has been in business in Bern about one year. They carry a full line of hardware, implements, buggies, pumps and mills, and seem to be getting their share of the trade. They also carry all kinds of repairs from a coffee mill to a threshing machine.

State Bank of Bern

Wm. R. Guild, cashier of the above bank, was born in Illinois and located in Seneca in 1879. He has been cashier since November 1893, and is also one of the heavy stockholders in the bank. This bank has a capital stock of $15,000 and in their statement a the close of business June 30, there was not a single penny of overdraft, which shows the business ability of Mr. Guild and proves that a country bank can be run on strict business principles. This statement also shows the deposits to be $90,710.78.

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741	39	1096	Joseph T. Robinson	Sabetha
742	37	382	John F. Neiberger	Seneca
743	38	511	Francis L. Gallagher	Baileyville
744	43	1808	John Dix	Sabetha
745	19	752	Robert A. Kennard	Sabetha
746	41	1730	Robert Brandt	Sabetha
747	20	300	Chris E. Blasser jr.	Oneida
748	34	355	Elmer H. Clark	Goff
749	32	1065	Walter T. Markham	Wetmore
750	38	464	Willard E. Chalfant	Centralia
751	37	577	William O. Sharrah	Satha
752	43	736	Charles B. Miller	Sabetha
753	36	338	Adolph H. Breeker	Bern
754	18	1948	Fred N. Meyer	Centralia
755	29	866	Fred W. Lehman	Bern
756	20	1348	Francis H. Feldkamp	Seneca
757	20	211	George W. Tuttle	Baileyville
758	32	1514	Hugh A. Glenn	Goff
759	42	99	Frank H. Broxterman	Baileyville
760	32	1058	Arley G. Steele	Goff
761	37	1258	Benjamin G. Dalsing	Seneca
765	28	1312	Charley Beyreis	Seneca
766	40	1891	Michael Epele	Sabetha
767	20	1269	George W. Hofmann	Bern
768	43	574	Burton L. Horton	Sabetha
769	34	750	Charley H. Strahm	Oneida
770	40	1611	Wm. H. Broxterman	Baileyville

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Gallhaus as one of the co-founders. The cornerstone for the present church was laid in 1913. Fr. Edwin was the pastor for 20 years. The beautiful new Catholic Church was competed around 1915 at the cost of $40,000.

"The safe was blown open with nitro-glycerin"

The town continued to grow from its beginning and boasted of 2 grain elevators, 2 grocery stores, 3 cream stations, clothing store, barber shop, bank, garage, shoeshop, 2 carpenter shops, pool hall, and furniture store. At one time there were 2 medical doctors – Dr. Davis and Dr. Fitzgerald. Kelly had a population at one time of 250 people.

The Kelly Bank was the child of Nemaha County pioneers – G. A. Magill, son of Caleb Magill was the cashier. His wife was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scraford. Scrafford was a founder of Seneca. Caleb Magill was a pioneer resident of Granada. The bank started in the late 1880's. Ben Hard and Judge Emory of Seneca were among the directors. The bank was robbed in 1917. The safe was blown open with nitro-glycerin and the robbers got less than $1,000. The robbers had slashed the telegraph and telephone cables to cut off communications. They made a clean getaway and were never caught.

In 1916, Kelly possessed a Farmers Union Store and Barber Shop, 2 elevators, (Denton Bros. of Leavenworth owned the elevator and Bert Cole was Manager.); a Catholic Parochial School; lumber yard, managed by O. D. Ruse, cream station, by F. E. Gabert; hotel and restaurant combined, and 200 inhabitants including the station agent. The new station agent had to camp in a box car for two months until a house could be planned and arranged for occupancy for himself and his family as all the residences in Kelly were inhabited.

In 1920, the railroad discontinued and along with it the elevators, lumberyards and stockyard. Most of the other businesses ended by 1930. If it wasn't for the church and school, Kelly wouldn't be as it is today.

Names of business operators in the 1920's include Ernest Jenks, Blacksmith Shop; Joe Schumaker, General Mercantile, later – Ketter and Vandencamp; Mr. Gellhaus, Manager of Farmers Union.

Farmers Union Operations included store,

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elevators, stock yards. Later they were managed by Victor Tappehorn. One of the bankers was G. W. Rucker, Jake Wilson purchased the blacksmith shop from Mr. Jenks in the 20's. Mr. Kongs had the hardware store in the teens and binders were set up all along main street with his heavy business. Leo Guth had the IHC dealership in the 20's and 30's. Mr. Niehues' father came to Kelly in 1907 and settled.

The Railroad ended the expansion of the town of Kelly like it did so many other small communities which were built with the advent of the railroad. The were "born with the railroad" and their plans for a large prosperous town "died with the railroad."

Businesses open in Kelly today are a Grocery Store operated by C. B. Hulsing (This was the "Shoemaker Store" originally) Hardware Store, Skelly, petroleum business managed by S. G. Huerter; Quality Oil managed by Mrs. Virgil Althenhofen; and the post office. Mrs. S. G. Huerter is the postmistress.

The hopes and plans of pioneers may have remained unfulfilled, but Kelly is home to its residents, and lives through its Church and School. The Church has always been the nucleus of the Kelly community and it continues to be. When one thinks of Kelly, one immediately thinks of the St. Bedes Church. Fr. Vincent Wade, OSB is the present pastor. Kelly may not boast about its size, but it certainly can take pride in its majestic Church which is one of the most beautiful landmarks in the area as its steeple towers above all over landmarks reaching upward toward the heavens. It conveys to the observer not only aesthetic beauty but a continuing tower of strength, and hope and faith.

(This story was written by Joy Uthoff, editor of the Nemaha County Journal-Leader. Lawrence Eisenbarth, Sr., reported that his parents were the first couple married in the Kelly Church.)

"Railroad ended the expansion of the town of Kelly"

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Centralia

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Centralia was well represented at Blue Rapids on the Fourth.

"the heavy rains of the last few days have filled the creeks and watercourses and so saturated the ground"

A returned missionary from South Africa spoke in a tent here one evening. We were told many interesting things about the natives and the country of South Africa. This missionary had been four years in Johannesburg, but had to leave when the city was taken by the British. Her husband remained in Africa and sought refuge among the heathen tribes along the coast 500 miles north.

The recent rains have been propitious and timely. Corn is making a splendid growth and the potato crop is assured. Oats is being harvested, straw not so heavy but better filled than last year.

Some of the finest tame hay is being harvested we ever saw grow. Not quantity but quality, we speak of.

There are many acres of alfalfa from which a second crop is ready to harvest.

The dust storm in the evening and the heavy rains later in the night materially interfered with the tent meetings on Thursday evening.

The tent meetings are closed. The closing services consisted mainly of one of the most severe tirades of abuse by the "Wandering Shepherd" we have ever heard. No one escaped his vile tongue. Not being a member of any church organization himself, but a "comeouter," the preacher's castigation of the churches were most severe, unkind, untrue and unchristian. Secret societies came in for no small share of criticism, but the preacher being unacquainted with the internal workings of these societies, he foundered about exposing his ignorance until the congregation became disgusted and quietly withdrew from the tent to their homes. That night the wanderers left and it is to be hoped their future visits will be few and far between.

The heavy rains of the last few days have filled the creeks and watercourses and so saturated the ground that much of the corn will escape the last rounding up of the cultivator.

The potato crop will be unprecedented. They are growing so large that tow make a meal for a family of six.

Centralia did not have a special Fourth of July celebration this year but fourteen picnics and a half a dozen celebrations were held within easy reach of our city.

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C. T. WHITTENHALL is a son of the late Elihu Whittenhall, and was born January 3, 1834, in Addison, Steuben County, N. Y. Educated in his native village, and came to Kansas with his parents and located in Albany until 1862, when he enlisted in the Union cause, entering the service as Second Lieutenant of Company A, Fifty-fourth United States Infantry. Fought through with his regiment in the Trans-Mississippi Army, and at the close of the hostilities returned to Sabetha. During the last few years he practically controlled his father's extensive real estate business, to which he succeeded at the latter's demise. He has an elegant home in Sabetha, and is one of her foremost sons socially, financially and religiously, he having united with the old Albany Congregational Church twenty-five years ago. His wife was Frances Stevens, of Hornellsville, N. Y. They have three children – Charles, Aralenah and Ralph.

Elihu WHITTENHALL, deceased, was one of the typical Kansas men, keen, alert, aggressive and broadly public spirited, who have so rapidly advanced this, their adopted State, to so enviable a rank in the sisterhood of the Union. As a leader in the Albany Colony of sturdy New Yorkers who laid out Albany, Nemaha Co., Kan., in the spring of 1858, he is best known. During his first twelve years here we find him a quiet, successful farmer, whose command of means and whose executive ability placed him at the front where public measures were discussed by the colonists. He was among the first to grasp the situation and to take advantage of changes wrought through the building of the railroad to Sabetha, at which point he opened a real estate office in 1870. His business here was begun on a large scale and instantly expanded. Village lots were sold to actual settlers at almost their own terms, and yet at his death Mr. Whittenhall owned about one-half the town site. His real estate transactions in Northern Kansas were for such men as Gov. Porter, of Indiana., W. T. Wooster, of Ohio and others. Mr. Whittenhall was a founder in Albany of the Congregational Church, and continued active in the cause during his life. He was born in 1808 in Oxford, Chenango Co., N.Y., and fought life's battles alone after the age of seven, when he was left an orphan. When twenty, he married Eliza A. Shumway, who was born in 1809 in the same town with himself. She was a graduate of the Oxford Academy with ex-Governor Seymour and other distinguished New Yorkers, and died August 18, 1866, and was followed by her husband December 1, 1881.

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Prior to 1877, there had been a Union Sunday School but on June 24, two weeks after the completion of the M.E. church, two separate schools were organized. The Methodists elected T. W. Johnston, superintendent; Dr. E. W. Bullard, assistant; G. R. Benedict, secretary; John Hay, librarian, Edna Beeson assistant; Mary Daly, treasurer and J. H. Johnston, chorister.

The Congregational Sunday School elected Rev E. E. Webber superintendent; Mrs. Rosetta Hebbard, assistant; T. I. Cowdres, secretary; C. H. Bent, librarian, Mrs. Mary bent, treasurer, and C. C. K. Scoville, chorister.

The second M. E. church in Seneca, the present church, was dedicated on May 18, 1893 by Bishop Thomas Bowman and cost $9,000. Rev. Edwin R. Brown, a brother of Mrs. Joshua Mitchell, an uncle of Mrs. C. L. Diehm, was pastor. His widow has lived the past 12 years in the Home for the Aged in Toopeka. Charles Van Cleef led the choir.

Mrs. W. H. Smith is the senior memer of the Sneca Methodist Episcopal church. She was married in the old church on December 23, 1885.

The 60th anniversary was celebrated during the pastorate of Rev George Lawellin in 1937. The pipe organ was installed during the pastorate of Rev. Robert C. Lintner.

Of the pastors who have served through the years, Rev. J. B. Vernon, now of Leavenworth, and Rev. L. B. Pruitt, at present a pastor in Rosedale (Kansas City) served the longest. Rev. J. Joyce Wilson has been the pastor for two years.

Rev. J. A. Amos

Rev. John a. Amos was born in Baltimore, Maryland, August 31, 1830 and died at the age of 58 years after a short illness while on a visit to London, Ohio.

In June 1855, at the age of 25, he married Miss Ruth Smith. His wife and three daughters, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. Alice Raines, wife of Dr. Raines, Concordia, and Miss Alice Amos survived him at the time of his passing on September 21, 1888.

Mr. Amos spent his early life in Urbana Ohio. He received hi higher education at Mount Pleasant Academy, Otterbein and Wesleyan seminaries. He was ordained a pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Circleville, Ohio when he was 27. In 1862, at the age of 32, he was admitted to the bar of the Ohio Supreme Court. In 1865, he came to Kansas to serve the M.E. church at Valley Falls. He served at Monroeville a year, At Hiawatha a year, Seneca and troy each three years, Centralia one year. Leaving Centralia, he came to Seneca and filled the M.E. church by appointment. He was elected county superintendent of Nemaha county in the fall of 1880 and re-elected in 1882. He was elected probate judge in 1886, and re-elected and nominated for the third time in August preceding his death.

His funeral was held at Martin Hall with Rev. T. W. Woodrow and Rev. G. C. Lockridge, fellow ministers in Seneca, in charge. Rev. E. R. Brown of Centralia also had a part in the service. Rev. H. D. Rice preached the sermon. Geroge Benedict, Thomas Bennett, E. H. Chapman, David Magill, A. Simon and E. Holtslander of Centralia served as pallbearers. Interment was in the city cemetery.

Mrs. Amos died January 17, 1896 at the age of 75 years. Miss Florence Amos, a daughter, died March 11, 1897 at the age of 38. Mrs. Alice Raines, widow of Dr. T. E. Raines, Concordia; Mrs. Nella Amos Smith, widow of W. H. Smith, Seneca are the daughters surviving.

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The Town of Bern

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R. O. Malone

R. O. Malone was born in Virginia in 1843 and came to Kansas in 1885. He has been in the furniture and undertaking business in Bern five years. Mr. Malone is a typical son of Erin, who always has an answer ready for living or dead. He has a fine stock of furniture and undertaker's supplies and says he sells cheaper than anybody. And Mr. Malone is such an earnest talker that one is inclined to believe everything he says.

Mrs. E. M. Tays

Mrs. Tays claims Nebraska as her native state. She has been a resident of Kansas since 1882. She conducts the only millinery establishment in the town. She also carries a nice line of ladies' furnishings. Mrs. Tays is an artist in her line and does her own trimming. She enjoys a splendid patronage in Bern and vicinity. She is a handsome lady and a charming

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Mrs. Mary Hoopes Dead

At the residence of her mother, Mrs. Joseph Vogel, sr., in this city. Mrs. Mary Hoopes died last Friday after an illness of about three months, at the age of 43. The deceased leaves her aged mother, one brother, Joseph Vogel, jr. and sister, Mrs. Frances Weber of Kansas City, and her daughter Mary Hoops, aged 11 years, to mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted from Sts. Peter and Paul's church Sunday morning and the remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery.

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The Town of Bern

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conversationalist and is one of the society favorites in Bern.

George Nusbaum

George Nusbaum brought his brothers out from Hoosierdom 17 years ago, and after he had started them all in business he took up the topsorial art for himself. George is a hale fellow well met and a number one judge of feminine beauty.

Jacob Ramsey

Uncle Jake was born in Switzerland and came to Kansas in 1878. Mr. Ramsey has been in the restaurant business in Bern for 10 years, and at his place of business the hungry and thirsty wayfarer may have his wants supplied.

Prof. Ferguson

E. L. Ferguson came from the Buckeye state to bleeding Kansas eight years ago, since which time he has been engaged in teaching young Jayhawkers. He has been principal of the Bern schools for two years, but is now traveling for the Caxton school supply company.

L. Ramsey

Mr. Ramsey is a native of Illinois. He came to Kansas in 1882, and has been in the restaurant business in Bern for eight years. Here is a first-class place to stop for a good square meal and no man need get up from his table hungry. We have made a personal test and speak from experience.

Mrs. M. Begert

Mrs. Begert was born in Switzerland but has been living with the Jayhawkers for 19 years. She has been engaged in the general mercantile business for six years. Mrs. Begert owns her own building which is filled to the ceiling with saleable goods.

J. W. Wenger

Mr. Wenger is a nature of Switzerland and has been in Kansas seven years. He is a pleasant gentleman and seems to be enjoying this world's goods as much as any body.

O. C. Blauer

Mr. Blauer first saw the light of day in Nebraska and lived there until six years ago when he moved onto a farm near Bern. He has been in the drug business in Bern since the fist of last January. Mr. Blauer keeps up with the times and his drug store is one of the neatest we have visited for a long time.

Wendell & Wendell

We found H. J. Wendell on the sick list. Wendell & Wendell have two stores, one at Bern and the other at Valley Falls. H. J. Wendell has charge of the Bern store and John W. Wendell formerly of Goffs has charge of the one at Valley Falls. H. J. Wendel was born in Germany and has been in Kansas eleven years. He has been a resident of Bern since November 1st, 1899. This store is called the "Leader" and is jammed full of goods, new and attractive. Mr. Wendell understands thoroughly the art of

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decorating a store and his place of business is showy and a model of neatness, and the way that goods are wrapped and boxed up here makes one think it a wholesale store. John W. Wendell was born in Illinois, has lived in Kansas 21 years. As we said before he has charge of the store at Valley Falls, and knowing John as well as we do, we are satisfied that their store at Valley Falls is easily what they call their store at Bern – The Leader.

O. F. Krueger

Mr. Kruger is a native of Germany and has been a resident of the Sunflower state 11 years. He is a blacksmith by trade, having learned this trade 31 years ago in Germany. Mr. Kruger thoroughly understands his business firm the fact that he has all the patronage of Bern and vicinity.

V. A. Bird

Kansas Claims this young man as one of her sons, he has been in the restaurant and confectionary business since February, 1900. Mr. Bird enjoys a good trade and sets up a meal that is calculated to satisfy the hunger of an insatiable appetite. He is also the leader of the Bern band, which organization is second to none in the county.

Christ Lehman

Mr. Lehman is a native of Switzerland and has been in Kansas 43 years. He was one of the early settlers in this locality and at one time as related above, the station was named Lehman in honor of him. Mr. Lehman owns an elegant well-furnished residence and has a quarter-section just outside the city limits.

Dr. S. A. Wright

Dr. Wright is a Buckeye by birth and a Jayhawker of 13 years adoption. The doctor is a graduate of a regular school and enjoys a large practice. He has always taken an active part in educational matters, and was the main factor in securing the present school building in Bern. Although bitterly opposed by Col. Baker, who was opposed to schools and churches of any kind, the doctor fought it out and won a victory.

J. F. Garber

Mr. Garber is the proprietor of the popular Bern hotel, which is one of the neatest little hotels in the county. He has been a resident of Kansas for 18 years, coing from Ohio, his native state, to Kansas.

Beatrice Creamery Co.

John Allen, the manager of this creamery, is a native of the "Blue Grass" state and has been in our state three years. Bern is only a skimming station operated by the Beatrice Creamery Co., whose headquarters are at Lincoln, Neb. Mr. Allen, pays out to the farmers of the community about $600 every month. All the cream is tested for butter fat, of which the average price last year was 16 ½ cents per pound. There are on the average about 4 pounds

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The Second Five Hundred Names

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Partial List of September Registrants
Taken from the Cards in the Nemaha County Draft Records

The following is a list of the second five hundred Nemaha County men of the September 12,1918 registration of the ages between eighteen and forty-six with the order number, age and serial number of each.

The serial number determined the order in which each name was taken from the master list from Washington. The order number is the one that will determine how they will be called, the lowest order number first, subject of courts to the ages called for service. Men between the ages of thirty-six and forty-six are not subject to the first call. In order to distinguish this draft from any preceding or succeeding drafts each of these numbers will bear the letter "A' preceding. This identifies this draft in Washington and saves time in the government offices.

Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
771	43	2020	Joseph B. Lueger	Seneca
772	19	642	Peter Z. Bilinger	Seneca
773	35	231	Frank J. Miller	Bern
774	42	1707	Gus F. Knenft	Wetmore
775	33	1083	Arthur D. Hay	Sabetha
776	36	287	John D. Heikes	Sabetha
775	33	1083	Arthur D. Hay	Wetmore
777	33	1143	Alfred W. Talley	Centralia
778	38	761	Henery Boydston	Axtell
779	36	511	Emler J. Harold	Sabetha
780	32	87	Chas D. McLaughlin	Sabetha
781	39	1118	LeRoy N. Dodds	Onaga
782	39	1552	Alva Miller	Corning
783	38	1377	Louis L. Armstrong	Centralia
784	43	287	Norman B. Fike	Sabetha
786	19	1353	Hilton S. Woodbury	Sabetha
787	36	1898	Karl G. Fischahr	Sabetha
788	20	1025	Nathaniel W. McAferty	Corning
789	45	1769	Henery Heiman	Seneca
709	42	2005	Herman K. Meeh	Seneca

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Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
791	19	1723	Anthony H. Brenker	Seneca
792	18	1609	Bryan O. Bargett	Baneroft
793	38	203	Charles A. Richard	Goff
794	43	1164	Elzie A. Thomas	Sabetha
795	19	327	Aliysius I. Gress	Seneca
796	43	1934	Barney J. Kruetzmann	Baileyville
797	45	1778	George W. Anderson	Corning
798	32	787	Von S. Bloom	Seneca
785	37	1890	Edward L. Morgan	Corning
799	44	512	Harry R. Ferguson	Seneca
800	13	51	Harry E. Carpenter	Seneca
801	19	1182	Holmes R. Mengle	Sabetha
802	18	1952	Mat Sherrer	Centralia
803	18	125	Leslie Ewing	Goff
804	44	538	Wm. E. Stallbaumer	Seneca
805	45	1306	Delbert Bestwick	Sabetha
806	43	75	Henry C. Lackey	Seneca
807	18	1872	Peter Strahm	Sabetha
808	13	1435	Samuel P. Denton	Sabetha
809	34	1097	John B. Funhouser	Oneida
810	37	795	Albert C. Muxworthy	Sabetha
811	20	2041	Thomas M. Ayers	Centralia
812	20	1119	Henry H. Meyer	Baileyville
813	39	1212	Albert A. Schronpp	Seneca
814	19	172	Troy L. Kyle	Oneida
815	39	1349	John C. Heiniger	Bern
816	39	1767	Ernest Gerber	Oneida
817	39	209	Wm. H. Durstine	Sabetha
818	18	530	AlphonseC. J. Cheray	Seneca
819	18	1122	Orville M. Channel	America City
820	41	1002	Thomas O. Barrett	Centralia
821	19	561	Wm. E. Lohmann	Seneca
822	38	807	Newton Brack	Wetmore
823	41	174	Charles A. Darby	Sabetha
824	34	1725	Floyd A. Cates	Centralia
825	34	110	Daniel A. Eby	Sabetha

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WETMORE

Z. BEAN, of Wetmore, was born October 29, 1843, in Wauwatosa, Milwaukee Co., Wis. His father James L. Bean, was a pioneer of Wisconsin, and worked on the first frame house built in Milwaukee. J. L. Bean was a New Yorker, and married in Chicago to Phyllis Butterfield, also of New York. About 1845, they settled in Union, Rock Co., Wis., and eight years later in Stevens' Point, Wis., where the father was in the lumber business. Z. Bean enlisted in 1864 in the Fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served under Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley and at the siege of Petersburg, Va. Was sunstruck near that city, and honorably discharged about the close of the war. He then spent four years in Wisconsin; married, and settled in Nemaha County as a farmer, which business he followed until recently, when he sold his farm and bought the livery stable in connection with the Dooley House, which he is now running. His wife was Frances Hudson, of Granada, whose people formerly from New York, settled in Kansas in 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Bean have three children all born in Kansas - Eidie A., born September 11, 1871, and twin daughters, Ethel May and Carrie Estelle, both pretty as pictures, and difficult to distinguish from each other.

JOHN BRADFORD, farmer and stockman, P. O. Wetmore, was born in 1819, in Callaway County, Mo., and there lived until 1857, when he located seven miles due west of Atchison, Kan., where he built and for twelve years kept the noted 'Seven Mile House,' so well remembered by the old-timers of Kansas. "I didn't see a leisure hour here," said Mr. Bradford, "and many a night have my floors been covered with sleep-

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ing men, and my yard filled with wagons and teams." While here he dealt extensively in grain and stock, and carried on a large farm, besides three years spent in freighting on the plains. In 1871, he settled on a large farm near Whiting, Kan. Had 500 acres in cultivation here, and employed men and teams without end. Was undertaking too much, however, and gradually sold out his land. Settled in Whiting, and for a number of years engaged exclusively in the stock business. Forming a copartnership with W. S. Engle, they began buying land about a mile south of Wetmore, and in 1882 Mr. Bradford built near the center of their splendid 1,400-acre stock-farm, and there we find him to-day, surrounded with from 30 to 400 head of cattle, including 45 graded Short-horn cows, 130 head of yearlings, 55 two-year olds, and the balance calves. Near his farmhouse gushes out a 'twin spring' of the best water, sufficient to water all the stock in Wetmore Township. The entire ranch is fenced off into "eighty's" and "quarters," and one "forty," with a five-wire fence, for hogs. It is doubtless the most natural stock-farm, all things considered, in Nemaha County. Mrs. Bradford was Eliza Henderson, of Tennessee, and they had two children - George Bradford, who died in Butler County, Kan., aged thirty-five, and Sarah M., wife of Henry Leprin, of Whiting.

WILLIAM P. BUZAN, of the firm of Buzan, Hazeltine & Co., was born in 1848, in Manitou County, Central Missouri. At fourteen he began to learn telegraphy, and during the following nine years he operated and helped to build lines for the Western Union Telegraph Company in Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado and Utah. The Centennial year found him in Wetmore, where he was a mercantile clerk until the spring of 1881, when the present strong

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lumber firm was founded. He is of French ancestry, and his parents both Kentuckians. His mother's mother died in that State at the age of 103 years. Mrs. Buzan was Miss Annie, daughter of Augustus Wolfley, deceased, the pioneer settler of Wetmore Township.

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of butter fat to 100 pounds of milk. The farmers use separators and deliver the cream at the creamery; and every morning the crowd around the creamery remind one of the 4th of July celebration.

Dr. G. M Grafford

Dr. Grafford has lived in Kansas so long that he looks like a thoroughbred Jayhawker, but his boyhood days was spent n Maryland fishing for oysters in Chesapeake Bay. The doctor is a graduate of the Barnes Medical college class of '96; and is a graduate of the Polyclinic of Chicago classes of '97, '98, '99 and 1900. He is very popular both as a man and as a physician.

E. A. Ramsey

Mr. Ramsey has charge of the Gregg elevator and has acted in that capacity for Mr. Gregg, of St. Joseph, for eleven years. They ship about 300 cars annually Mr. Ramsey has recently recovered from a long siege of sickness. He will begin shortly to make extensive improvements in the elevator and machinery.

J. J. Koehler

Mr. Koehler is the busiest man we ever met in all of our ramblings. That is easily accounted for because he is a native Jayhawker of German descent, and has an immense business to keep him employed. He has a large building filled to overflowing with hardware, implements and vehicles. He employs several clerks, but he ought to have more so that when a gentleman and a scholar walks into his store he would have time to talk to him.

Julius Hilt

Your correspondent did not get to interview Mr. Hilt, but will have something interesting to say about him next week provided we can find him.

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The Congregational Church

The following history of the Congregational church of Seneca was compiled by L. L. Firkins and read by him at the 60th anniversary of the church, Dec. 28, 1930.

In the spring of 1865, George Graham, Reuben Cone and Edgar W. Cone and families moved from Albany to Seneca, bringing with them letters from the Albany church. On Dec. 2, 1866, was organized the First Congregational church of Seneca, consisting of 10 charter members. They were George Graham, Mrs. Mary J. Graham, Reuben Cone, Mrs. Harriet Cone, Edgar W. Cone, Mrs. Emily Cone, T. A. Cone, Mrs. Lizzie Tuller, Mrs. Sarah R. Clark and Mrs. Kessie Mitchell.

Meetings were held from time to time in the brick school house, now a part of the Catholic church. By the aid of the Home Missionary society and through the effort of Rev. Harvey Jones, then its representative in Kansas, the church was able to employ a pastor.

Rev. David Judson of Addison, Steuben county, N. Y., became the first pastor, beginning his labors in October, 1867. He is spoken of as a man of efficiency and faithfulness. Had God spared his life he would doubtless have been a power in the growing life of the church, but on Nov. 2, 1867, he was called away. He is buried in the Seneca cemetery. It was during his pastorate that the church secured the old court house and used it as a place of worship. It stood one block east of the church where Mrs. John Gress now lives.

For some months following, the church was supplied by Rev. Lemuel Pomeroy, without compensation. The church sought to render what assistance it could to the family of the deceased pastor.

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Oneida and Her People

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Located in one of the finest sections of Kansas, amidst the rolling hills and productive valleys, lies the peaceful village of Oneida. The people of this town are wide awake and are thoroughly up-to-date, and every business in the town is represented on our subscription list. Oneida doesn't date her beginning back to ancient history but she is one of the old towns of the county. The United States granted a patent of land where Oneida is now to P. M. Falts, October 1st, 1860, and in 1873 the 29th day of August, Samuel Lappin deed the same land to Cyrus Shinn, who came from Iroquois county, Illinois. Mr. Shinn platted the town August 7, 1878, and on the ninth day of the same month the plat was put on record. Oneida was named after Oneida Illinois and Gilman township takes its name from Gillman, Illinois. Cyrus Shinn, the "daddy" of the town erected the first

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building – a land office – which is still standing between Murdock's brick and Grant Ford's barber shop. The town never was troubled with a "boom" but made a steady and rapid growth until the Rock Island was built through the north part of the county. While Oneida did not lose any of her population, yet the town of Bern cut off considerable trade from the north which all came to Oneida before the building of the railroad. The town was incorporated as a city on the 3rd day of June 1884. The following is a list of the city "dads:" Mayor, Wm. Magee; marshal and street commissioner, J. F. McCarty; city clerk, M.C. Arnold; city treasurer, H. R. Melendy; councilmen, W. T. Moody, C. C. Wilson John Hagan, H. R. Melendy, and J. L. Smothers; police judge, James Slater.

The society of Oneida is the best, and many swell events take place every season. One will find no "400" or "upper crust" crowd but all mingle together in a sociable way, which makes this little town the ideal place to live.

Oneida does a good business and especially in the grain and live stock business, which is excelled by few towns in this part of the state. There has been, at different times in the history of Oneida, an effort to run a newspaper, but it seems to have been by boys who had been around a printing office long enough to locate the letters in the cases and imagined they were prepared to launch out in the world and run a newspaper – the molder of public opinion – and in each case it was a brilliant failure. This is a fine location for a live, hustling, up-to-date newspaperman. The citizens of this town believe in obeying the law to the letter, and should a man have the misfortune to e snake bitten on the streets of this town he would have to ride to Seneca before he would be able to get an antidote. During our short stay here we were treated very courteously by these good people, and the town of Oneida will

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Oneida and Her People

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always get a good word from strangers as long as she is inhabited by the class of people that are there now.

Drs. Murdock & Murdock

The above named gentlemen are the only physicians in the town. S. Murdock, sr., was born in Indiana and located in Oneida seventeen years ago. Dr. Murdock is a graduate of Keokuk medical college and has been practicing medicine for forty years. The doctor has been a close student all his life and always keeps up with the times. He had charge of the brick hospital at Jefferson City, Missouri in 1861 and the 14th ward of Pope's general hospital on the field of battle in Mississippi in 1862 and later his enthusiasm was so great he left the surgical work and shouldered a musket, enlisting in the 47th Illinois Infantry and was wounded in the knee and in the shoulder at the battle of Farmington, Mississippi. Dr. Murdock was government surgeon for the pension bureau for eight years previous to his coming to Kansas. He does nothing now but office work, and is one of the noted specialists of this state in Gynaecology. Dr. S. Murdock jr., is one of those kind of men with whom it is a pleasure to meet. Though born in Missouri, Kansas lays claim to him as one of her favorite sons. A young man in years but an old man in experience and ability is Sam Murdock, jr. He is talented and polished, yet common, plain and sociable to all. He is a graduate of the Kansas City medical college and has been practicing for eight years. The fame of Murdock & Murdock has extended far and wide and many patients com from a distance, although their practice at home keeps them busy.

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Father	Sex	Date	Place	Issue	Year
Carson, F.	girl	Jan	Centralia	31	1911
Carshell, Chas.	Son	March	Bern	49	1909
Capsey, "Major"	girl	June 2	Soldiers Creek	34	1911
Case, C	son	Jan. 18	Granada	28	1903
Casebeer, Jas.	Son	Oct	Baileyville	49	1903
Casebeer, Ernest	son	Nov. 15	Baileyville	5	1909
Casteel, C. A.	son	Jan. 11	Sabetha	31	1911
Castro, L. B.	son	Sept.	Wetmore	3	1910
Casey, Patrick	girl	Feb. 6		28	1903
Casey, Patrick	son	Nov.		8	1905
Casey, Pat	girl	Aug. 24		45	1907
Casey, Edgar	girl	Oct. 6		52	1908
Chandlis, R. E.		Jan.	Sabetha	30	1910
Charls, Mrs. Lucy Greenwood	girl			46	1906
Charls, Wm	girl		Kerwin, KS	13	1909
Charles, C. C.	girl	Mar. 19		23	1911
Chapman, Harry	son	Dec.	Oketo, Ks	10	1908
Cherry, E. S.	son	Apr.	Kelly	49	1909
Chestnut, Lucian	girl	Mar.	Centralia	49	1909
Chidester, (editor)	girl	Mar. 7	Axtell	21	1904
Chilson, W. W.	son		Corning	52	1904
Chinyboor, Henry	son		Corning	12	1904
Chrisman, John	girl	July	Sabetha	43	1905
Christman, Joseph	son	Feb.	Fidelity	18	1910
Christman, John	son	Jan. 31	Fidelity	17	1912
Clark, J. L.	girl	May 12		31	1911
Clark, Ray	girl	Jan		16	1913
Claycamp	girl	Apr		12	1904
Claycamp	girl	Apr 17		24	1903
Clear, Oscar	girl	May 16		31	1905
Clear, O. N.	son	July	Oneida	48	1905
Clear, Oscar	twin girls	Apr.	Oneida	24	1905
Clear, Philip, JR	girl			36	1905
Clear, Oscar	son	July 24	Axtell	39	1910
Cleary, J. F.	son	Jan.	Centralia	17	1905
Clelland, Elza	son	Dec.	Kelly	6	1903

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Sabetha's Coal Chute Recalls Rail History

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One of the oldest landmarks in Sabetha fell before the "ax" of progress this past month. It was the coal chute on the Union Pacific Railroad. When the chute was built, the road was known as the St. Joseph and Grand Island.

With the coming of Diesel engines, there is no longer any use for coal chutes and water tanks. The chutes was sold to Clarence Davis of Sabetha, who razed the structure and sold the lumber.

The late Adam Leuze shoveled the coal into the chute bins a number of years, in fact, to the time of his death. His sons, the late Ernest, John and Bill Leuze assisted their father. F. J. (Fritz) Hermann, of Sabetha, shoveled when a boy, and received one cent an ton for the coal he shoveled.

Before the chute was built, the coal was shoveled from coal cars into the coal tender of the engines. When the chute and bins were put in operation, the firemen would trip a latch and the coal would roll from the chute into the tender.

In the early days the old Grand Island, now Union Pacific, ran four passenger trains and four freight trains daily as a regular schedule in addition to excursions and extra stock trains.

A man by the name of Fletcher who operated a hotel in Sabetha took his own life by hanging from the high timbers of the chute.

The old St. Joseph and Grand Island had its first train into Sabetha in the spring of 1872, according to old timers.

The only service on this road in Sabetha at this time is a freight train each way once a day. The passenger service, which was a two-car motor train, was discontinued last year.

For many years, the passenger trains ran from St. Joseph to Grand Island, Neb., as their division.

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Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
826	19	1307	George J. Carroll	Baileyville
827	20	332	Francis G. Hill	Golf
828	34	1648	Frank L. Miller	Soldier
829	37	589	Henery Schiupp	Bern
830	44	408	Charlles C. Hart	Seneca
831	36	1483	J. B. Wood	Seneca
832	43	104	John H. Hartman	Bern
833	39	651	Edward E. Walton	Sabetha
834	18	156	Wm. P. Altenhofen	Seneca
835	43	1407	Louis S. Slocum	Corning
836	41	716	Orville G. Henry	Goff
837	43	1425	John W. Hybskman	Corning
838	34	560	Roy U. Walker	Sabetha
839	45	655	Ed Hinton	Baileyville
840	18	1677	Walter G. Karl	Vermillion
841	36	1149	Orla L. Coleman	Oneida
842	33	1103	Charles C. Counseller	Wetmore
843	35	868	John R. Counseller	Wetmore
844	44	2027	Bernard Darlinghaus	Baileyville
845	35	239	Jesse C. West	Sabetha
846	33	701	Grover C. Titman	Wetmore
847	19	1886	Alonzo M. Davis	Bancroft
848	35	796	John W. Kemplay	Centralia
849	32	779	Joseph F. Searles	Wetmore
850	45	1009	D. A. Steiner	Centralia

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WETMORE

M. CALLAHAN is a native of Limerick, Ireland. About 1840, his people came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania. He grew up in Richmond, Va., where he learned the blacksmith's trade in the famous Tredegar Iron Works. Prior to the Rebellion, he helped to put the machinery in the United States war-steamers 'Jamestown' and 'Roanoke,' that soon became noted as fighting-ships. Mr Callahan's first real removal was to Terre Haute, Ind., where he followed his trade, working at a later date in Litchfiels, Ill., then in Indianapolis, Ind. He came to Kansas as an employe on the Central Branch Railroad, then building west from Atchison, and for a time pumped water and lived in a boxcar where Wetmore now stands, and for four years was a 'section boss,' his section extending from the twenty-fifth to the sixtieth mile-post. His family meanwhile lived in Netawaka and Wetmore. In the latter place he finally settled, and in 1880 built his home, in connection with which he has a restaurant, "The Farmer's Home," and a ten-pin ally. A good farm recently sold by him, and the proceeds thereof will probably be invested in another one. He married Anne Boucher, of Terre Haute, Ind., by whom he has three children - Henry (born in Indianapolis), William and Margaret, born in Kansas.

JOHN H. CAMPBELL, farmer, Section 30, P. O. Wetmore, was born in 1832, in Pulaski County, Mo. His father James Campbell, born in Harwood County, N. C., was a territorial settler in Missouri; married Ruth Anderson, and at his death, in 1836, left five children, of whom J. H. and A. G. Campbell, with their mother, came to Kansas early in 1856 from Laclede County, Mo. Both sons were bachelors, and

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both made claims, J. H. on the southwest quarter of Section 1, and A. G. on the southwest quarter of Section 3. A rude, low roofed cabin was built, and though the stalwart young men could barely stand upright in it, yet here they spent the summer of 1856, on no floor but mother earth. Such was the commencement in 1856, and to- day (1882) we find J. H. Campbell the owner of a finely improved 280-acre farm and a 240-acre grazing tract, and living with his family in a substantial frame farmhouse, 32x26 feet, two stories and hip roof, and everything needed by the prosperous farmer of the age. His wife was Sarah Williams; married December 31, 1862; and their three children are: Henry, Frances R., and Mary L., all born on the Kansas farm. Mr. Campbell well remembers his adventures during the 'Kansas War' - his capture by the noted Kickapoo Rangers, and his banishment to Missouri on the pain of death. A. G. Campbell went to Colorado and became wealthy in mining speculations, and noted as the contestant for the seat of polygamous delegate Cannon, of Utah, in the United States Congress.

ELWIN CAMPFIELD, attorney-at-law, son of T. A. Campfield, a pioneer settler of old Home Township, was born November 16, 1847, and came with his parents to Kansas in 1859. Was and attendant of the early schools of Kansas, and later of the Agricultural College at Manhattan and the Institution at Irving. Studied law with Taylor & Purnell, of Seneca, and was admitted to the bar of Nemaha County in October, 1874. Began practice at Centralia, and in March, 1881, removed to Wetmore, where he has built up a prosperous law, real estate, loan and insurance business. Mr. Campfield is an active member of Wetmore Lodge A. F. & A. M., and it is through his agency as Senior Warden of the Lodge that the name was changed from Granada to Wetmore in 1882.

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History of Local Churches

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The Congregational Church

On May 15, 1868, the Rev. W. C. Stewart became the second pastor and on May 20, 1868, the church asked and received admission to the general association at Manhattan. Mr. and Mrs. George Graham were the first delegates. They drove till night came on and then staked out their horses and sat in the buggy all night, there being no house on the open prairie where they could find lodging.

June 20, 1870 it was decided to build a house of worship. Reuben Cone, C. T. Whittenhall, H. P. Dryden, J. L. Fuller and O.C. Dickinson were named as the building committee. It was decided to put up a building 32x50 feet. The contract was let to A. Webb of Sabetha. The church consisted at that time of 20 members of limited financial ability, yet rich in faith., perseverance and good works. The building was completed at a cost of $3200. Five hundred dollars was supplied by the Congregational Union, now the Congregational Building Society. It was dedicated on Christmas day, 1870. The pastor was aided in the dedicatory service by Rev. J.F. VanDyke of Centralia, Rev. O. A. Thomas of Albany and Rev. J. J. Merrill of Topeka, who preached the sermon. A debt of $500 remained unpaid at this time. At the dedication, Mrs. George Graham presented the Bible from which the Scripture was read at the anniversary 60 years later.

During the pastorate of Rev. Stewart, there were received into the church the following members: James F. Brock, Adeline Brock, Mrs. Jane Hornbeck, Preston H. Stirk, Mrs. Ellen Stirk, Henry Dryden, Sara A. Dryden, Mrs. Mary A. Leatherbery, Mrs. Maria A. King, Daniel Scoville, Mrs. E. P. P. Scoville, Mrs. Grace Mathews, Mrs. Gertrude Sargent, C. T. Whittenhall, Mrs. C. T. Whittenhall, Mrs. Sarah Clark, Emma Bowen, Mrs. D. B. Owen and Eliza Whittenhall.

After a pastorate of four years, Rev. Stewart and his family moved to California, in June 1871.

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Corning News

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Mart Randel shipped two card loads of fat cattle and J. T. Sanders one car load to Kansas City this week.

C. B. Tripp shipped hogs to Kansas city.

Newt Vernon has bought the livery business in Centralia and will move his family there soon.

Mrs. N. W. Vernon's brother and family drover over from Falls City, Neb. This week and will take in the sights of our city.

Mrs. Huff of Netawaka, mother of Mrs. Chester Lukins and Mrs. Todd of Holton were the guests at the home of Mrs. Lukins over Sunday. Mrs. Huff returned to her home on Monday. Mrs. Todd remained a few days longer to visit among her many friends here. She is well known here and kindly remembered, being the widow of the late Rev. Todd, the organizer and first pastor of the Presbyterian church of Corning.

S. J. Frazier, the successful landlord of the city hotel, has recently purchased an 80-acre farm one mile south of Corning. He does not intend at present to move into the country, but will continue dishing out has to his many customers.

Measles are still in our midst. Little Harold Cribbs is the latest victim. All the others are convalescing.

Harry Geer sends

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Oneida and Her People

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J. W. Smothers

Oneida would not be herself without Mr. Smothers. He was born in Illinois and came to Oneida in 1882 and opened up a general store in a small building 22x50.With honest and fair dealing to everyone he has built up an immense trade, and now has a double store room almost four times as large as the one he had when he started in business. Mr. Smothers, politically, is one of those republican Republicans, but he has a kindly feeling for all home enterprises, and is not too narrow minded to read a newspaper, although it be democratic. His large store is filled with everything that goes to make up a general stock, groceries fresh and clean, dry goods and shoes new and up-to-date, and clothing and gents' furnishings of the latest styles and patterns. Mr. Smothers and his four children, who assist him, are pleasant people to deal with.

T. F. Landers

Virginia was the birth place of T. F. Landers, but Kansas seems to have a stronger hold on hi m now. Mr. Landers, by the grace of President McKinley is proprietor of the only post office in town. He was also pot master under Garfield and Arthur. He came to Oneida nineteen years ago and has lived here ever since.

S. G. E. Ward

Along the banks of the beautiful Hudson in the Empire state S. G. B. ward began life on this mundane sphere. He left the scene of his boyhood days and located in Illinois where he successfully engaged in the florist poultry business. He has been a resident of Kansas for twenty ears and of Oneida for three years. He is now proprietor of the Beehive Candy Kitchen and Home Restaurant. This is a most pleasant place to stop when tired and thirsty.

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Mr. Ward is a first class caterer and knows how to mix summer drinks to a queen's taste. He is still interested in the poultry business and Plymouth Rock chickens and expects to add quite extensively to his poultry yard of this breed of chickens.

H. R. Melendy

It does one good to meet such a jolly good fellow as Harry Melendy. Our business relations have always been pleasant with him. At one time he held the responsible position of bailiff in the Marion township court at Baileyville and we were "hozzonar." Since that time Harry has been promoted and is now manager of Gregg Bros.' elevator which position he has held for the past three years to the complete satisfaction of his employers and his customers. Three years ago Harry was candidate for county treasurer before the fusion convention but was beaten for the nomination by Dick McCliman. But Harry did not sulk. He got out and hustled for the whole ticket and made such a good impression on the party that they will be ready to honor him at some future time for almost any office he might ask for. Mr. Melendy was born in Illinois and has been in Kansas since 1884. He was married to Miss Emma Runft in 1897. While at home Mrs. Melendy was taught the art of keeping house and her home is now a model of neatness and her every day dinner is a banquet.

Lindell Hotel

D. F. Miles, the proprietor of this popular hotel was born in Indiana and has listened to the whistling of the Kansas winds for 22 years. He has been in the hotel business in Oneida for three years and enjoys a well deserved patronage from the citizens of Oneida and vicinity.

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Casey, Ed.	Son	July	Corning	41	1911
Casey, Mart	girl	Feb. 19	Calf	20	1910
Celland, G. T.	son		Baileyville	37	1904
Champlain, H.	girl		Corning	38	1905
Chance, Wm	son	Oct	Centralia	15	1909
Chandler, Harve	girl	Apr. 8		24	1903
Chandler, Harve	girl	Apr.		12	1904
Chandler, Jack	son	Feb. 23		17	1904
Chandler, Jck	girl	Nov		8	1905
Chandler, R. N.	girl	July	Oneida	3	1910
Chandler, Jack	son	Nov. 26		8	1912
Chandler, Ammi	girl	March 21		24	1913
Chancey, Elmer	son			44	1904
Clelland, Calvin	girl	May 1	Wetmore	31	1911
Clemens, H.	girl	July	Kelly	40	1903
Clemens, H.	son		Kelly	21	1912
Clifton, N. B.	girl (Died)	Dec		6	1904
Clifton, Norman	girl	Jan.		17	1905
Cline, Frank	son	Feb	Corning	21	1905
Cline, John	girl	June	Coal Creek	35	1910
Cline, John	son		Coal Creek	35	1912
Cline, Will	girl	Oct	Centralia	3	1910
Clinkenbeard, J.C.	son	Apr	Wetmore	49	1909
Clinkenbeard, J.	girl		Wetmore	30	1904
Clophier	son		Sabetha	21	1904
Clowe, Thomas E.	girl	Jan. 11		18	1912
Coats, B.B.	twin girls	June 2	Oneida	35	1911
Cohen, R. A.	son	Feb. 21	Belvidere, NE	20	1905
Cole, Geo	girl	Feb. 9	Corning	38	1903
Cole, Donald	girl		Wetmore	44	1904
Cole, Donald	son	March 10	Wetmore	30	1910
Coleman, Geo	son	Aug	Sabetha	46	1909
Coleman, Lawerence	girl	Dec	Sabetha	9	1911
Colver, L.	son	Nov.	Centralia	8	1905
Colwell, M.	girl	Mar. 10	Corning	30	1910
Collier, John	son	July 6		41	1912

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851	19	320	Kit Ralston	Wetmore
852	32	1196	Bert N. Henry	Sabetha
853	37	1247	Wm. D. Cannon	Vermillion
854	18	11	Alwin E. Theime	Goff
855	41	627	Ferdinand A. Holthaus	Seneca
856	37	873	Henry Weitharn	Seneca
857	43	1608	John L. Kirl	Bailieyville
858	18	541	Raymond H. Evans	Goff
859	41	857	Charles A. Dartridge	Centralia
860	45	1765	Carl H. Bredemeier	Seneca
861	33	2049	Grover G. Letellier	Centralia
862	34	1667	John J. Nolte	Seneca
863	42	1282	Otis M. Maxwell	Wetmore
864	18	1522	Erwin Thos. Clowe	Seneca
865	19	652	Leo J. Broxterman	Seneca
866	18	1936	Leo O. Henry	Seneca
867	45	1924	Gottfried Lortscher	Sabetha
868	32	1267	Gideon G. Reinhart	Bern
869	43	593	Charles J. Volz	Seneca
870	19	1897	Herbert Collier	Bancroft
871	32	202	Clarence W. Bibby	Centralia
872	40	1193	James F. Scout	Centralia
873	18	851	Glen E. Brown	Circleville
874	48	1947	Geo. G. Weyer	Baileyville
875	19	28	Paul A. Noel	Corning

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WETMORE

M. P. M. CASSITY, attorney-at-law, was born June 15, 1835, in Fleming County, Ky. His father was a Kentuckian, whose parents lived to the age of 95 and 98 years. The subject of this sketch was brought up and educated in Kentucky; visited Kansas in 1858 and made a claim on Section 18, Township 4, Range 15 Brown County; taught school in the winter of 1857-58 in Linaeus, Mo., and the winter of 1858-59 in the log schoolhouse in Granada, Kan., it being the first school. The house was built and the school supported by subscription. From 1860 to 1864 he was in the grocery business at Oak Point and Granada; was Justice of the Peace and Town Clerk of Granada in 1865-'66; Deputy County Assessor in 1866, and in 1667-'68 traveled over Western Missouri, Eastern Kansas and Southern Nebraska in the insurance business. In 1868 came to Wetmore and built the third building in the place, a 'boxhouse,' near the depot, and opened the first lumber yard directly opposite. The year 1871 found him in the mercantile business in Sabetha, and in 1872 he practiced law there. He then traveled three years for the St. Joseph Gazette, and since that time has resided in Wetmore, engaged in the lumber business and the practice of law, which he has followed for twenty-five years. He has served in all nine years as Justice of the Peace, and is now Justice of the Peace and Police Judge of Wetmore. In 1878, at Plattsburg, Mo., he defended and cleared one Samuals, a half brother of Frank and Jesse James, charged with a deadly assault upon a colored man with a revolver. 'The Judge,' as he is familiarly called, has a good memory, and is full of incidents and anecdotes relating to early days in Kansas and the West.

GEORGE COX, farmer. P. O. Wetmore, was born in 1837 in Lon-

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don, England, where he learned the carpenter's trade, serving a six years' apprenticeship. He came to America in 1868 as one of the Kansas colonists from London. In the spring of 1869 he homesteaded eighty acres, and was so poor at to be obliged to pay for the first breading done upon it by giving his coat. In 1870 he managed, by buying one horse and hiring another, to get a team, and then was doomed to see his first crop destroyed by grasshoppers. During the winter of 1870-'71 he built a 'Kansas' house, or boxhouse, and began life here when he had but a cord of wood in the way of family supplies. Today we find his farm hedged, mostly in cultivation, and upon it a house costing $1,100, with barn, stock yards, wire fences, orchard, etc., etc. His wife was Jane Lansley, also of London. They were married in that city in 1859, and have nine living children, four born in London and the balance in Nemaha County, Kan.

H. C. De FOREST, of De Forest Brothers, merchants. I. N. De Forest and two sons, Charles and H. C., came to Kansas in 1869, purchasing a farm four miles south of Wetmore, the father and H. C. engaging for about three years in the lumber and implement business, a I. N. De Forest & C. At the end of that time H. C. bought the interest of W. W. Letson, of the firm of Letson & Spencer. J. D. Spencer & Co. Did business until April, 1877, when Charles De Forest secured Mr. Spencer's interest, constituting the present firm. H. C. Deforest is a native of Dutchess County, N. Y. Graduated a Yale College in 1863, and was for six years in business in Chicago. Mrs. I. N. De Forest and Rodman A. joined the father and brothers in 1870, the family coming from Madison, Wis., formerly from Dutchess County, N. Y. The De Forest Brothers are doing a large and increasing business, their stock having increased from $3,000 000 to $15,000 in ten years, it now including everything except drugs and hard-

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JOHN DUDLEY, farmer, P. O. Wetmore, was born in 1838, in Coles County, Ill, and there reared a farmer. In 1859 he came to Kansas: was discouraged by the destitution and hardships of 1860; returned to Illinois, and enlisted from Coles County in 1861 as a private in the Third Missouri Cavalry. His service was in Missouri and Arkansas, and at Little Rock, Ark., he was wounded in the arm and taken prisoner. After several months' captivity he was paroled and rejoined his regiment. On the last day of 1864 he was a second time captured, and after being taken 124 miles into Arkansas, made his escape, lost most of his clothes in swimming the Saline River, and crossed Arkansas in a pair of pantaloons, bade by tearing out the sleeves of his coat. Since the war he has resided in Kansas as a farmer. He married, in his and her native county, Susan E. Lemmon. They have nine children (eight daughters and one son, Wm. E. Dudley).

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word to his friends that a little six pound girl has taken up her abode inhis family, and says he is the proudest man in Chase county.

O. K. Wilcox, who has been confined to the bed for two weeks or more with sciatic rheumatism, is slowly getting better.

Mrs. Thompson has rented her town property and has moved out into the country about four miles to keep house for Edgar Morgan. Ed is tired of batching. He should choose a wife from among Nemaha's fair daughters.

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The Congregational Church

The church was pastorless for just one year. In July 1873, the Rev. George Bent became pastor. His pastorate was for three years. During this time, the church debt was partially wiped out. A bell and organ were purchased. Geo. Graham and the ladies of the church were given credit for good and efficient work. During Rev. Bent's pastorate H. W. Mathews, W. S. Stone, Mrs. W. S. Stone and Cora Bent were received as members. The exact date of Rev. Bent's leaving is not known but in November, 1876, Rev. Edward Webber became pastor. The Rev. Webber was the father of E. O. Webber, Marysville. Rev. Webber served one year. A charter was obtained Sept. 21, 1877.

Rev. R. B. Guild began his labors as pastor July 21, 1878. Rev. Gild added 17 members to the church. He closed his pastorate in February, 1881. At this time, a Bible was presented the church by C. C. K. Scoville and F. G. Bergen and the same is still in use in the church.

The church was without a pastor until March, 1882 when the Rev. G. C. Lockridge came and remained until Jan. 21, 1893, lacking but three months of 11 years George Graham wrote that up to the year 1879, eighty-five names had been enrolled on the church books. Rev. Lockridge wrote that when he began his pastorate in 1882, he found 41 names on the church rolls o the church had its losses as well as its gains. During Rev. Lockridge's pastorate, 76 were recorded by letter and 152 by confession.

The Rev. C. A. Forbes bgan his pastorate Jan. 1, 1893 and it lasted until June 1896.

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Centralia News

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A. Risden is attending the National G.A.R. reunion at Chicago this week. He will visit his old-home in Ohio before returning.

Mrs. L. S. Trimmer arrived home Wednesday from a six weeks' visit in Illinois.

Mrs. Peter Gurtler, a pioneer of Nemaha county, died at her home eight miles south of Centralia, Tuesday morning.

The tent show on the school house hill is the only attraction in town this week.

George Waugh says everybody out his way is going to vote for Breidenthal.

Seward Wohlford will attend the Campbell University at Holton this winter. The fall term opens the first of the month.

Miss Maud Best entertained Monday night in honor of Misses Emma and Sue Gehring of Lawrence.

The First National Bank have reduced

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Centralia News

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their capital stock from fifty to thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars. Too much prosperity.

In the Citizens' state bank is an ear of corn on exhibition, raised by Scott Archer, 14 ½ inches long, weights two pounds and on and ½ ounces, is nine inches in circumference, has eighteen rows sixty-four grains to the row. Scott says anybody that votes for Bryan and Breiden- that can raise such corn.

A. P. Jackson started Sunday night for an extended trip through Idaho and Montana. He expects to be gone about six weeks and will visit his sister in southern Montana before returning.

Mrs. Geo. Blemis and Mrs. Porter of St. Joe, Missouri, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Blemis here this week.

Misses Emman and Sue Gehring returned to their home in Lawrence Tuesday after a week's visit with Miss Carrie Pampel.

Will Hybakmann is spending a few weeks vacation with his parents here. Will is boss tinner of the Kennison Hardwar Co., in Goffs.

Democratic caucus in City Hall, Saturday afternoon, August 25.

About 100 Modern Woodmen attending the log rolling at Wetmore Thursday. The Central Branch ran a special train from Greenleaf which passed through here about 8 o'clock.

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and the father in the fall of 1877. Charles Hazeltine is a prosperous farmer near Wetmore, and Alfred Hazeltine, who engaged in stock dealing and farming until 1881, is now one of the flourishing firm of Buzan, Hazeltine & Co., which firm has about $12,000 invested in the lumber business, also dealing in coal, farm implements of all kinds, wagons, buggies and barbed wire. The yards cover three lots, and from three to six men are employed.

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M. Slater

Oneida has a well patronized harness shop and factory. The owner, Mr. Slater, has been running this business for ten years. He manufactures much of his harness to order and is kept busy filling orders and repairing. Mr. Slater is a typical Jayhawker, born and reared in Kansas.

C. N. Benson

The boys who are born and reared in Kansas are the right kind of stuff to make a success of any kind of business they undertake, and just such a fellow is Carl N. Benson. Mr. Benson has been in business in Oneida for only two months but ha built up a rattling good trade in the general merchandise business. His store room is filled with the choicest of new groceries and fancy and staple dry goods of the latest patterns and styles. He calls special attention to the fact that he is just beginning the sale of his second carload of the famous Beloit Gold Coin high patent flour at $1.10 a sack. Mr. Benson is in Oneida to stay and can always be found at his place of business.

Wikoff Bros.

The above firm is composed of F. E. and H. L. Wikoff, cashier and assistant cashier respectively of the Oneida State Bank These gentlemen came to Kansas from Illinois in 1889. After a prospecting trip to this county these brothers sold their land in Illinois and invested the proceeds in a bank at Oneida operated solely by themselves, which was afterwards incorporated into the Oneida State Bank. They are shrewd financiers and general hustlers. They have been and are now actively engaged in buting and selling real estate and have done a great deal to advertise the merits of this locality in the east. The Oneida State Bank is one of the safe financial

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WPA Births 1902-1913

Father	Sex	Date	Place	Issue	Year
Collins, Chas. C.	girl			25	1904
Condit, S. J.	girl	Sept.		51	1913
Congrve, Earl	son	Mar	Conring	30	1910
Conger, Earl	son	Sept.	Wetmore	2	1909
Conley, Chas.	Son	July	Kelly	42	1912
Conrad, Richard	girl	Mar. 12	Bern	28	1903
Conrad, John M.	son	May 23	Clear Creek	33	1912
Conwell, E. C.	girl	Nov. 16	Oneida	6	1905
Conwell, Emery	girl	Mar. 1	Oneida	21	1909
Conwell, Alva	son	Nov. 10	Oneida	4	1910
Conwell, Elmer	girl			26	1913
Conover, James	son	Dec.	Centralia	15	1909
Cook, A. A.	girl	June		36	1903
Cooley, Wm	son		Goff	44	1904
Cooley, Andy	girl	Dec.	Goff	13	1906
Cooley, Chas.	Twin girls	May 10	Wetmore	33	1911
Corcoran, Walter	girl	Mar 18		24	1907
Corby, Frank	girl	Aug. 15	K.C. Mo	45	1913
Cordill, Chas	girl		Bern	47	1904
Cordill, Chas	son	Mar. 22	Bern	24	1909
Corcon, Fred	girl	Nov	Bancroft	3	1903
Cordon, Fred	girl		Bancroft	30	1906
Cornell, Wm	son	May 24	Kelly	32	1906
Corto, Jeff	son		Centralia	8	1904
Coulter, G	girl	Feb	Centralia	31	1911
Coulter, Richard	girl		Seneca	12	1904
Colter, Geo	son		Centralia	30	1904
Coulter, J.E.	son	Oct.		5	1905
Courter, J.R.	girl	Dec. 26		12	1904
Courter, J.R.	girl	Dec		10	1903
Courter, Richard	son	March	Seneca	20	1905
Courtner, R. J.	son	Oct	Wetmore	2	1911
Cottrell, John	girl	Oct		51	1908
Cottrell, John	son	June 23		37	1911
Corwin, Ed	son	Feb.	Sabetha	21	1905
Cox, Harry	son	Oct		50	1903

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institutions of this county, and is now one of the two depositories for county funds.

Wm Magee

The mayor of the town was very modest, and it was with some difficulty that we found what his official position was. Mr. Magee is a native of the Empire state and emigrated to Kansas in 1871. He has been in the grocery, queensware, flour and feed business in Oneida for eleven years. Mr. Magee is also making a specialty of Gold Coin flour at $1.10 a sack. Mr. Magee is doing a very good business and seems to be contented with his lot.

Grant Ford

Mr. Ford has been in the barber business in Oneida for seven years. Grant is a mighty fine fellow and thoroughly understands how to manipulate the razor and scissors. Mr. Ford was born in Ohio and has lived in Kansas since 1882.

Thos. Moore

Mr. Moore was born in Merrie England and came to Kansas twenty years ago. He learned the trade of a shoemaker in his native land and has been a maker of new soles and a repairer of old ones for eleven years in Oneida. Mr. Moore's business is in a flourishing condition and he enjoys a good trade. The Courier-Democrat has been a welcome visitor in his house for many years.

P. L. Jones

At the age of 15months, P. L. Jones came from Illinois to Kansas along with his parents. For the past fifteen years he has been engaged in mowing alfalfa from the facial features of the renowned Kansas Jayhawkers. He has been in Oneida but six weeks but ha built up a good trade in that time, and everything in his shop is neat and up to date.

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Second Five Hundred Names

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876	39	198	Wm. Hochard	Centralia
977	45	297	Hurley F. Chaney	Centralia
878	19	1116	John H. Lackey	Baileyville
879	20	305	Henry Russ	Corning
880	32	1302	Henry J. Kramer	Seneca
881	43	525	Menno J. Steiner	Sabetha
882	45	637	James F. Perrine	Baileyville
883	19	270	Clyde R. Worley	Goff
884	40	1511	Lewis F. Furst	Corning
885	40	1297	Frederick J. Melcher	Seneca
886	34	1038	Edgar C. Bates	Axtell
887	35	994	Fred B. Nightingale	Centralia
888	37	1088	Jacob T. Blauer	Bern
889	36	301	Louis Wardlow	Sabetha
890	20	1023	John J. Johnson	Corning
891	40	1440	Albert Herrmann	Sabetha
892	45	1126	Charley G. Warfel	Sabetha
893	42	564	Geo W. Quininn	Seneca
894	33	763	Benjamin H. Ronnebaum	Oneida
895	39	607	Frank J. Ketcham	Sabetha
896	34	476	Frank Hubka	Bern
897	41	1946	John T. Savage	Bancroft
898	44	26	Wm. Ruse	Goff
899	33	358	Lee Baumgartner	Bern
900	42	1444	Charles C. Bobbins	Centralia

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WETMORE

J. W. GRAM, M. D., Mayor of Wetmore, was born December 5, 1845, in Tuscarawas County Ohio. In 1852 his parents settled near Independence, Iowa. J. W. attended the school of both States, paying his own way by working and teaching, and was finally enabled to enter Hopkinton Collegiate Institute, which, however, he left in 1864, and enlisted in the Forty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Was at Tupelo, Miss., and Memphis when the rebel Forrest made his memorable raid and dashed into that city. Dr. Graham has in his possession a paper signed by President Lincoln and countersigned by Secretary Stanton, conferring special thanks upon him for service performed. At the close of the Rebellion he began the study of medicine in Winthrop, Iowa; came to Kansas in 1868, and after a year's practice in Capioma came to Wetmore, which has since, been his home. He is a graduate of the Northwestern Medical College, St. Joseph, Mo. His wife was Miss Alma, daughter of N. H. Rising, a very early settler of Granada, and their five children were born in Wetmore. The Doctor built the first drug store here; kept it eight years; was Postmaster 1872-'74, and has served eight years as Justice of the Peace. In politics he is and Independent Republican; religious views liberal.

J. H. HART, farmer, P. O. Wetmore, was born in 1833, in Bath County, Ky., and reared in Putnam County, Ind. In 1860 he settled in Marion County, Iowa, and in the fall of 1862 enlisted in Company I, Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Was in the Western army; enlisted in Company I, Thirty-Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Was in the Western army; was in the Yazoo Pass, at Shell Mound Fort, Helena, and Duvall's Bluff; also at the second cap-

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ture of Little Rock. Ark., Pine Bluffs, Saline River; then at Camden, Ark., Red River. Little Rock, White River, and finally to New Orleans, and thence to Mobile. While besieging the forts there, a ten- inch shell came screaming through the air toward a rifle-pit in which were Mr. Hart and two comrades. And as it rushed on, Mr. Hart exclaimed, "Boys, that's coming in here!" and sprang to one side just as the shell buried itself where he had been seated a moment before. It was a most miraculous escape, as he was the only man of the three who moved at all. After the fall of Mobile, his regiment did some duty to the north of that city, and was then transferred to Mexico and Texas, and in the fall of 1885 sent via. New Orleans to Rock Island, Ill., and there discharged. Returning to Indiana, he rejoined his family, took them to Marion County, Iowa, and in 1867 struck for Kansas, settling on a farm two miles east of Granada, where he made good improvements and lived until 1875, when he located on his present 110-acre farm. Here he has a good house with eight rooms; a well-fenced farm, and plenty of timber on Elk Creek. He married in Putnam County. Ind., Pally A. Clawson, who left one daughter, Annie, at her death. The present Mrs. Hart was Nancy Murphy, and by her he has two children, Sarah E. and Ara O. Mr. Hart is a member of the Christian Church of Elk Creek, and is a Deacon Therein.

JOHN HAZELTINE, deceased, a native of Sweden, was twice married in Sweden. He had three sons - John, Alfred and Charles. John and Alfred came to America and located in Pennsylvania in 1859; about a year later the father and remaining brother joined them, and in the spring of 1860 they all came together to Kansas, settling on a new prairie farm half a mile west of where Wetmore now stands. John Hazeltine, Jr., died here in 1865,

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The Congregational Church

Rev. C. H. Bente became pastor Sept. 1, 1896. The year book of 1899 showed membership of 240, the largest in the church's history. Mr. and Mrs. C.C.K. Scoville, Mr. Scoville as Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Scoville in the primary department, labored many years in these capacities. Mrs. Scoville was organist for many years.

On June 14, 1891, those present at the church meeting, voted to enlarge the church, a building committee of J. J. Knepp and J. W. Bergen, with the trustee were appointed and completed the building. It was dedicated by Dr. McVicker, president of Washburn college on January 17, 1892. The Kings Daughters of which Mrs. C. C. K. Scoville was president, presented the art window at the north. This was during the pastorate of Rev. Lockridge and is the building of today except for the addition of 1899 when through the leadership of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. C. K. Scoville, the pipe-organ was added and dedication on March 10, 1900 by Rev. Broad, Topeka during the pastorate of Rev. Bente.

The next pastor was Rev. Ralph Newman who served from September 1901 to September 1904. During the term, in 1902, the church built a gymnasium later disposed of.

Rev. H. J. Washington was pastor from 1904 to 1906, the Rev. W. C. Wheeler from November 1908 to September 1909. Rev. Theo Jorgenson from 1909 to June 1911. The church without a pastor until November 1912 when Rev. Arthur Moore served till December 27, 1916. The Rev. Charles Richard filled the pulpit from January 1916 to Nov 1916. Rev H. E. Thayer served until 1918. Rev. S. I. Nash became pastor till October 1919.

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Over the St. Joe & Denver Road

The Weekly Courier
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We made a flying trip east as far as Troy Junction over the above road last Monday, and must say we enjoyed it very much. The weather was exceedingly fine, the road in tip top order, the conductor pleasant and obliging and the country one of the finest in Kansas. We sped along at a lively gait, crossing streams, running over divides, past handsome farms, along fine belts of timber, up and down grades, around curves, through villages, etc. The country is rather sparsely settled until we reach the interior of Brown county, having but a short time had the benefit of railroad communication, and the most of the lands having early passed into the hand of the speculator, thus compelling the farmer to push his way toward the frontier, and leaving hundreds of thousands of acres here undisturbed by the plow.

One of the youngest and most thriving places on the line of the road is Sabetha,

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J. T. Conlin

This Hoosier came to Kansas twenty years ago and for the past eight years has been running a meat shop in Oneida. The meat sold in this shop is not the kind that is destructive to teeth consequently Oneida is poor town for dentists.

J. C. Briggs

The above-named gentleman operates the only lumber yard in Oneida. Although Mr. Briggs has no competition in the lumber business in that town he does not take advantage of his customers. He is a native of Illinois and has lived in Sunny Kansas since 1880.

M. D. Pierce

For fourteen years Mr. Pierce has been a welder of iron and shoer of horses. He has worked at the business in Oneida for three years and has an extensive patronage. Mr. Pierce was born in Michigan and lived in that state until seven years ago when he came to Kansas.

D. S. Gilmore

Every farm wagon we passed in the vicinity of Oneida was labeled "D. S. Gilmore, Oneida," and before we reached the town we began to thing he was the only man there. Mr. Gilmore operates the only hardware store in Oneida and also handles a large line of implements, wagons and buggies. He came to Kansas in 1876 from New York his native state and has been in the business in Oneida for sixteen years.

Sherrard & Son

The above firm is composed of J. C. Sherrard and his son J. E. Sherrard. They are both natives of Ohio and came to Kansas in 1868. They have ben in the grain business in Oneida for seven years; they also handle coal. J. C. Sherrard ran for probate

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judge two years ago on the republican ticket but was defeated by the invincible Dick Moorhead. Mr. Sherrard is a nice man and a good republican and his party out to give him another show this fall.

M. C. Arnold

"Born in Missouri – been in Kansas six years – two years in Oneida – agent for St. Joe & G. I Railroad – ten years in the railroad business" is all we could get out of Mr. Arnold between the clicks of the electric keys.

J. F. McCarty

Oneida has a chief of police to be proud of in the person of J. F. McCarty. He was born in Illinois and came to the Sunflower State twenty-nine years ago. Carty is in the poultry and produce business, and from the figures he gave us we think he must do a land office business. Last year he bought and sold $8,000 worth of poultry and produce.

C. C. Wilson

Mr. Wilson has been in the grain, live stock and coal business in Oneida for thirteen years, and during that time has done an immense amount of business, and his business is still in a flourishing condition.

John Callahan

Mr. Callahan is one of Oneida's citizens who lives in town and does business in the country. He was born in Illinois and has been in Kansas twenty years.

L. R. Marshall

When we called on Mr. Marshall he was not at home, but we were very agreeably entertained by his handsome and accomplished sister Miss Dollie. Mr. Marshall was in Colorado. He is a bridge carpenter of the Grand Island railroad.

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WPA Births 1902-1913

Father	Sex	Date	Place	Issue	Year
Cox, Harry	son	Oct		50	1903
Cox, A. H.	girl	Oct		12	1904
Cox, William	son	Jan	Kelly	17	1905
Cox, Burt	girl	Jan	Oneida	17	1905
Cox, U.C.	girl	Jan	Oneida	49	1909
Cox, Roy	girl	Feb	Kelly	30	1910
Cramer, A.	son		Sabetha	47	1904
Cramer, E. C.	girl		Sabetha	21	1904
Crandall, Dr.	girl			34	1904
Crandall, Fred	son		Granada	44	1904
Crandall, C. M.	girl	April		26	1908
Crandall, Dr.	girl	April		13	1909
Crawford, P. M.	son		Sabetha	8	1904
Crider, Henry	girl	Mar 9	Corning	22	1907
Critchlow, Geo	son	Aug	Wetmore	47	1905
Critchlow, Geo	son	September	Wetmore	2	1909
Cross, Wm	son	Oct	Baileyville	15	1909
Crossen, Marion	girl	Mar	Seneca	31	1911
Crossen, Marion	son	Sept. 4		48	1913
Crossen, Marion	girl	Mar 19		25	1909
Crow, Fred	son	Jan 18		28	1903
Crow, Fred	son	Apr	Kelly	28	1905
Culler, H. E.	son	Apr		30	1905
Culler, Merle	girl	July		2	1909
Cox, Burt	girl	1903	Oneida	47	1903
Cox, Burt	girl	1905	Oneida	48	1905
Cox, H.	girl	Dec 1904	Seneca	43	1904
Cox, William	son	1905	Kelly	48	1905
Cramer, A	son	1904	Sabetha	26	1904
Crandall, Fred	son	1904	Granada	24	1904
Crawford, P. M.	son	1904	Granda	24	1904
Critchlow, Geo	son	1905	Wetmore	26	1905
Crow, Fred	girl	1904	Woodlawn	52	1904
Crow, Fred	son	April 26 1905	Woodlawn	8	1905
Culler, H. C.	son	1905	Seneca	9	1905
Cummins, Charles	son	1905	Seneca	48	1905
Cunningham, Mark	girl	Jan. 25 1903		46	1903
Cunningham, Mark	girl	Oct 19 1904		31	1904

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901	20	1929	James C. Davis	Sabetha
902	35	1936	Henry Kramer Jr.	Corning
903	39	248	Edward H. Jones	Goff
904	36	1741	Joseph Steinlage	Corning
905	40	1519	Louis D. Keiswetter	
907	43	97	Emil V. Peterson	Vermillion
908	18	1973	Jacob S. McGowman	Vermillion
909	37	1241	John D. Bell	Wetmore
910	38	1197	Jesse D. Horn	Oneida
911	34	1189	Geo. L. Pfrang	Wetmore
912	42	192	Albert A. Reichert	Seneca
913	37	363	James E. Young	Sabetha
914	41	1645	Malcom B. Benson	Oneida
915	34	1538	Herman Katz	Seneca
916	32	608	John F. Werner	Seneca
917	35	1733	James H. Massey	Soilder
918	42	1334	Clarence H. Gilkerson	Oneida
919	38	1839	Homer B. Wilson	Centralia
920	1	868	Ward E. Brown	Seneca
921	38	1068	Frank M. Carpenter	Wetmore
922	19	1314	Louis C. Lortscher	Bern
923	38	996	Sameul C. Ayers	Centralia
924	43	1754	Anton L. Rasmussen	Bern
925	35	749	Geo. A. Reynolds	Centralia

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WETMORE

ALFRED JONES, farmer, P. O. Wetmore, was born in 1830, in Delaware County. Ind. At fourteen he struck out for himself and settled on the Platte Purchase in Missouri, living there until 1855, when he came to Kansas, making a claim between Leavenworth and Lawrence, and improved two different farms prior to the Rebellion. During that great struggle he served as a volunteer in Col. Jennison's Fifteenth Kansas, and helped fight the rebels Price, Marmaduke and Hindman in Missouri. Arkansas and the Cherokee county. Since the war he has engaged in farming in Atchison and Nemaha Counties, and settled on his present eighty-acre farm about 1872. His wife was Mary A. Underwood. And they have eight children, three born in Platte County, Mo., and five in Kansas. Mr. Jones has a pleasant home and valuable farm. And is one of the respected old settlers of this State.

DAVID M. LOCKNANE, deceased, the first settler of Granada Township and one of the earliest in Kansas, was born March 13, 1823, in Clark County, Ky.: removed to Ray County, Mo., and there married Miss Clarissa E. Owens, a native of Clark County, Ky. From 1850 to '53, Mr. Locknane was in California, and in March, 1855. He came from Platte County, Mo., to Kansas, settling on what has since been named Locknane's Creek, in his honor. His claim was just west of what was afterwards laid out as the town or village of Granada, and the log house that he built in February, 1855, is still standing - the oldest building in Nemaha County. From 1860 to 1864 he kept the 'Granada Hotel,' and then resuming his farm work, actively continued it until his melancholy death caused by a runaway team in August 1879.,

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He was made a Mason in Clay County, Mo., and was a charter member of Granada Lodge A. F. & A. M.; was also a member of the Christian Church in Granada. He left a valuable farm of 320 acres, to which the widow later added eighty acres. Mrs. Locknane is still living. Clear headed and vigorous, a hale and handsome matron, who can tell of many an episode of interest regarding 'Bleeding Kansas' in the days of the 'Border War.' A company of South Carolinians camped in their (Locknane's) door-yard, and one of the number accidentally shot himself so badly that death ensued. It was not an unusual event for a band of Pro or Anti-slavery horsemen to dash into their yard and demand 'dinner in fifteen minutes,' and leaders like Jim Lane, etc., were sometimes guests of this pioneer family. Ten children survive Mr. Locknane, viz: Cicely J. John D. Winifield Scott, Sarah E. (Born, November 8, 1858, in Granada Township), Ella K., Mary V., Harriet F., Clara B., Chas. S. and Cora E.

CHAS. McCARTHY, druggist, was born 1836, in London, England; was educated there and served an apprenticeship of seven years as a coppersmith and brazier, at which trades he worked in all fifteen years. In 1869 he came to America, with the original colony of English people, who settled in Nemaha County, and for a few years identified his fortunes with that association. He then went East to Chicago, worked about three years for a wholesale house there and five years for the Standard Oil Co. His earnings were wisely invested, and at this writing he has property valued at $4,000 in Chicago, and real estate in Nemaha County valued at $2,000, all acquired in eight years. He came to Wetmore for permanent settlement, and began his present business in June, 1862. His wife was Mary Hollaghan, and they have five children - Charles, Thomas, Eugene, Justin and

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Over the St. Joe & Denver Road

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near the east line of Nemaha county. Here is a town less than six months old, the youngest in the county, though only second in size and population. It has a beautiful location, contains a large number of business houses and handsome residences, and with its important railroad prospects has a bright future before it.

The largest and finest town between Seneca and the Junction is Hiawatha , a place we had not seen since the winter of 1859, when we counted just fifteen buildings on the townsite. We need not say that the pace had grown out of our recollection – not a single landmark could we recognize in the town which had spread out on all sides and built up with tasty and substantial buildings. From its eminence Hiawatha commands the finest view of the surrounding country of any place in Northern Kansas, and being the county seat, near the center of the county, and the only town yet of any prominence in the county, her growth will be stead and her prospects bright.

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James Garfield, the youngest born on the day of the assassination of Pres. Garfield, and named by the employees of the Standard Oil Co., for which company his two eldest sons are now working. Mr. McCarthy is a Roman Catholic and a Democrat.

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The Congregational Church

Then the church's beloved pastor, Rev. A. B. Appleby, came to us and served to the day of his death, May 28, 1924. Memorial services were held for him June 15, 1924.

Rev. Arthur Taylor came to the church Aug. 10, 1924 and served to July 1926. During his pastorate the Church purchased the present Community house, which was built for and by the Christian church. It afterward was purchased by the Episcopal church was known as St. Titus church. The building was purchased through the influence o the late L. D. Allen, for $1200 and remodeled as it stands today.

Rev. T. K. Bosworth was called in July 1926, serving until March of 1930. Then the present pastor, Rev. Charles A. Richard, was called and began his duties on April 27, 1930. He preached on Sunday mornings until October 1930 when he became full-time minister.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Grace Mathews was the oldest member of the church. She had been a member of the church for 60 years and a regular attendant until an accident in which she fell and broke a hip. She was confined to her bed and chair for the remainder of her life.

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Sabetha

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Miss Helen Collins and Rennie Douglass returned from Seneca last Sunday after a pleasant visit of a few days with relatives.

Miss Faye Burke is visiting in Marysville, Kans., this week.

Mrs. Cora Mason of Kansas City is in town visiting her parents at the Haxton House.

Ralph Jones, who has been spending several weeks out in the mountains of Colorado, returned home last Tuesday.

Attorney Burlingame, of Centralia, Kas., was in the city last Wednesday, getting acquainted with the republican wheel horses of this township. He is a candidate for county attorney.

Clarence Walker who has been sick with

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Pauline Esslinger

Nemaha County lost a dear friend to history and genealogy with the death of Pauline Esslinger in August. Long a member of the Nemaha County Historical Society and Daughters of the American Revolution, Pauline was a charter member of the Nemaha County Genealogical Society serving most recently as president. Her obituary can be found at http://www.lauerfuneralhome.com/

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Sabetha

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the typhoid fever is on the road to recovery.

Roy Hesseltine and wife left for Colorado Springs last week where they will spend a few weeks during the hot weather.

A. L. Kepner, who has been up in the Klondyke country for the past eighteen months, returned to his home at Powhattan last week in very poor health.

Quite a number went to Pawnee City, Neb., last Wednesday, to hear the Hon. W. J. Bryan who spoke there in the afternoon. They were well pleased with their trip.

A delightful musicale was given at the home of Mr. and Mr. A. D. Hook and their daughter, Miss Addie, on last Wednesday evening. Those from out of town who took part were Prof. Sydney Collins and Prof. Ralph Dunbar, of St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. S. Murdock of Oneida. After the hour of music refreshments were served in the parlors.

The Sunday school of the M. E. church will give their annual picnic at Sycamore Springs on Wednesday, August 29th.

Mrs. J. S. Ford , Miss Nannie Bingham, and Elliot Marshall are at Troy this week attending the district Epworth convention. They are delegates from Sabetha.

Dr. George B. Butt, of Chicago, spent last Monday here as the guest of the Haggards. He left Tuesday for Chicago where he has a position in the Provident Hospital.

W. P. Stewart, of St. Joseph, was in the city Sunday visiting his mother and other friends. Will has a good position with the swift Packing Co. He is the foreman in the egg department.

The Congregational Sunday school will hold their annual picnic at Sycamore Springs, August 24th.

Walter Sperling, of Seneca, was calling on his numerous friends here last week. He has been down to Sycamore Springs for a few days.

Tom Bestwick sold out his barber shop last week and left for Colorado where he will stay for awhile until his health improves some.

This vicinity was visited again on last Tuesday afternoon with another heavy rain; about two inches of water fell.

The colored people of Sabetha gave a grand picnic last Wednesday in Masheter's grove half a mile south of town. Nine coaches from Atchison and St. Joseph were loaded to the rails.

C. Line has moved his stock of goods down in the vacant building next to Haggard Bro.'s furniture store.

During the storm on last Sunday evening the house of L. A. Spencer was struck by lightning and Miss Lulu Coleman who was working there received so severe a shock that the service of a physician was deemed necessary.

The firm of Stout & Tusher have dissolved partnership, the latter retiring from the firm. Mr. Stout will continue the business and Mr. Turner has moved to Leavenworth where he will go into the grocery business with his father.

Rev. A. C. Hogbin and wife left last week for Laramie, Wyoming, where they will visit for about four weeks. During his absence there will be no service in the Congregational church.

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Illinois Township

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A pen picture of Illinois township can never do that township and its people justice. It must be personally visited and its rich resources carefully examined before one gives one forth to a word of criticism on it. No section of Nemaha County has kinder favors of sense and soil, and nowhere in Kansas does the seed of springtime grow more grandly for the harvest days of autumn. Kansas is an agricultural state par excellence and Illinois township is one of the fertile spots of the state. There is scarcely any cereal that will not flourish in its fertile acres, and fruits that are not found in other western localities appear here in abundance. For the husbandmen it is a paradise, for the herder an Eden; and no wonder its population has increased so rapidly within the past bellum years, and no wonder that the people who claim citizenship here are the vanguard of enterprise and public spirit. Illinois township lies in the golden grain ground of Nemaha county, and its soil has a fertility that makes it suitable for the growth of nearly every seed that nature intended for life. Its undulating prairies need but unlocking by the plow to reveal treasures that are really fabulous in their extent and value and that is the finest pastoral picture of America today, showing in all its royal colorings most promising thing for the days to come. This township has been fortunate in securing the class of people who appreciate agricultural worth and understand farming in all its various branches. The Kansas farmer is little understood in the East. When the pioneer settlers came to this township the country was all open. The man master of all the domain around him he did not have to go to work and dig up stumps or plow around stones in his field, there were no swamps to ditch, but all was free and open.

"Illinois township lies in the golden grain ground of Nemaha county"

The first settler in this township was George F. Roots. Mr. Roots was born in England and came to Kansas and located on the farm he now lives on in 1856. Mr. Roots is the father of Illinois township, he gave it its name; circulated the petition for its organization, and made eleven unsuccessful applications before the county commissioners but the twelfth time he was successful. Mr. Roots settled on his farm as a squatter and afterwards bought the land from the government at $1.25 per acre. The first few years he was here he experienced all the hardships incident to pioneer life. In 1860 Mr. Roots returned to Illinois and enlisted in the 36th Ill, Vol. Inf., and fought in the battles of Pea Ridge, Corinth, Perryville, Chickamauga, Peach Creek and was with Sherman on his march to the sea. Mr. Roots is 64 years old, and shows but little effects of the hardships endured as a pioneer soldier. He now owns 240 acres of land and has honestly earned enough of this world's goods to keep him comfortably fixed for the rest of his life. He is an entertaining talker and his reminiscences and experiences would cover many pages.

Tom Carlton is one of those men who reads nearly all the county newspapers. He was born in North Carolina and has been in Kansas for eighteen years, during which time he has acquired 240 acres of land and is waiting for an opportunity to buy another 240.

J. W. Perert manages

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Second Five Hundred Names

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The Second Five Hundred Names
Courier-Democrat
Oct. 31, 1918

Partial List of September Registrants
Taken from the Cards in the Nemaha County Draft Records

The following is a list of the second five hundred Nemaha County men of the September 12,1918 registration of the ages between eighteen and forty-six with the order number, age and serial number of each.

The serial number determined the order in which each name was taken from the master list from Washington. The order number is the one that will determine how they will be called, the lowest order number first, subject of courts to the ages called for service. Men between the ages of thirty-six and forty-six are not subject to the first call. In order to distinguish this draft from any preceding or succeeding drafts each of these numbers will bear the letter "A' preceding. This identifies this draft in Washington and saves time in the government offices.

Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
926	33	1910	Glen E. Fisher	Seneca
927	38	410	John J. Winkler	Seneca
928	35	1790	Andrew Voss	Bern
929	40	1981	John L. Massey	Corning
930	44	1992	James W. McQuaid	Goff
931	34	1921	Jerry F. Becker	Onaga
932	44	22	Smith Ayers	Sabetha
933	42	71	Geo. H. Becker	Onaga
934	34	1998	Dennis S. Donnell	Seneca
935	35	1482	C. C. Firstenberger	Seneca
936	20	870	John W. Cowell	Seneca
937	33	1045	Marl S. Bloom	Seneca
938	34	1865	Roy E. Coffin	Axtell
939	39	1734	Frederick Weich	Sabetha
940	39	1849	John Horlock	Bancroft
941	20	1254	Stanley A. Kennedy	Dubois
942	36	1612	Charles H. McCullough	Seneca
943	40	1920	Wm. B. Gallagher	Baileyville
944	39	37	Clyde C.Yarger	Centralia
945	18	18	Leslie H. Allison	Seneca
946	39	153	Clarence S. Brumbaugh	Sabetha
947	20	486	Clarence R. Wooten	Sabetha
948	45	1418	Geo. B. Smirl	Kelly
949	33	1766	John C. Morrison	Centralia
95040	1567	August Schrober		Baileyville

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WPA Births 1902-1913

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Father	Sex	Date	Place	Issue	Year
Cummins, Chas	son	Jan.		17	1905
Cunningham, M.	girl			8	1904
Cunningham, M.	girl			28	1903
Dalsing, Henry	girl	March		30	1910
Dalsing, John	son	Feb.		30	1910
Dalsing, Ben	girl	Feb.		17	1912
Dalsing, John	son	Mar		31	1911
Dalsing, Henry	son	Jan. 17		15	1913
Dalsing, John		Feb. 13	Gilman twp	19	1913
Daniels, W. H. Jr.	girl	Feb. 14			21
1912					
Darlinghouse, B.	girl	June 9		St. Benedict	34
1904					
Darlinghouse, B.	girl	Feb. 14		21	1912
Davidson, Will	son	Aug. 15	Baileyville	45	1913
Davis., D. E.	girl	Oct.	Kelly	51	1903
Davis, Thos	girl			12	1904
Davis, H. G.	girl		Goff	12	1904
Davis, W. L.	girl	May. 20	Baileyville	32	1904
Davis, D. E.	girl	Apr. 30	Kelly	28	1905
Davis, Wm. J.	girl		Baileyville	37	1904
Davis, Hod	girl	Aug. 2	Kelly	43	1906
Davis, M. E.	girl	Nov.	Centralia	8	1905
Davis, H. P.	son	Sept. 1	Kelly	48	1912
Davison, W. J.	girl (died)		Baileyville	3	1911
Day, J. L.	son	March	Sabetha	31	1911
Dean, Wm. H	girl		Sabetha	52	1904
Dean, J.	son	March	Sabetha	31	1911
Dean, Geo	girl	July	Corning	3	1910
Deffendofer, H.	girl	April	Sabetha	41	1910
Defendofer, H.	girl	Oct	Sabetha	51	1903
Davidson, Will	girl	June 5	Baileyville	13	1911
Dearing, Thos	son	June	Wetmore	49	1909
Deaver, fred	son	Oct	Sabetha	5	1905
Dempsey, O. F.	twin girls		Granada	44	1904
Dentler, Carl	girl	Sept. 30	Cowallis, Org	1	1911
Denton, Clarence	girl	Aug. 7	Oneida	27	1911
Dennis, S.	son		Kelly	8	1904
Dennis, W.	son		Bern	5	1905
Dennis, Byron	girl	Aug. 6	Kelly	44	1913
Deters, Henry	son	Dec. 24,	St. Benedict	10	1904
Deters, Frank	girl	Apr.		25	1905
Deters, Henry	son	Mar. 29	St. Benedict	24	1906
Deters, Henry	son	May 18,	St. Benedict	31	1908

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WPA Index Cards to Seneca Newspapers Located in the Seneca Free Public Library

Biographical Sketches

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WETMORE

A. J. McCREERY, M. D., farmer, P. O. Wetmore, is a son of Alexander McCreery, deceased, who was the father of eight children, of whom three sons served during the rebellion in the Union Army. A. J. McCreery enlisted in September, 1862, at Holton, Kan., in the Eleventh Kansas Volunteer Infantry, and served with that regiment throughout the entire war (See sketch of Kansas, Eleventh Infantry, in this volume). He has since been a resident of Kansas, and has recently sold a farm in Wetmore Township. Six of the eight children above referred to are now residents of Kansas. The father died in 1876 in Wetmore Township. Alvin O. McCreery, now postmaster of Wetmore, served in the Ninth Indiana, and Wm. H., in Tenth Regiment Kansas Volunteers.

THOS. MILAM, M. D., OF Wetmore, is a son of M. S. Milam, a native of Franklin County, Ky., who married Harriet Stokes, of Rutherford County, Tenn., and brought his family to Kansas in September 1859, settling on Elk Creek, three miles east of where Holton was afterwards built. Here they began farming on the virgin sod of the Kansas prairie, meeting with but indifferent success for several years. In 1859 then planted thirty acres of corn, but did not harvest a bushel, and in consequence saw some pinching times in 1860. In 1870 M. S. Milam and wife sold out, retired from farming, and have since lived in Holton. Their only son, whose name heads this sketch, was educated in the Holton High School and in Cumberland University. His medical studies were pursued in the University of Louisville Ky., where he graduated in 1877, since which time he has resided and practiced in Wetmore.

NATHANIEL MORRIS, merchant, began business here in September, 1867, the firm of Morris & Bro., flourishing here until the total destruction of their store by fire in 1870. He then formed a partnership with his brothers-in-law, the Messrs. Wolfley rebuilt and resumed business. Having purchased the interest of his partners, he has since 1878 carried on a large and rapidly increasing business, the $1,200 stock of 1867, having increased to one of $25,000 in 1882. Mr. Morris has in process of construction the largest store building in Nemaha County, it being two stories high, 44x112 feet, and is well finished and fire-proof throughout, the second floor to be an opera house. He is a native of Illinois, and married Mary Wolfley, by whom he has three children - Frank, James and Harry. The youngest, Harry, died August 30, 1882, aged six years. While Mr. Morris' business record is above reproach, and well worthy of emulation, it is his military

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record he most pleasurably remembers. He enlisted July 3, 1861, in the First Illinois Cavalry, and served with that regiment until its capture at Lexington, Mo., with Mulligan. At the expiration of his parole he re-enlisted February, 1863, in the Seventh Illinois Cavalry, and thereafter was engaged in about twenty-five pitched battles; was with Generals Grierson, Wilson and Hatch, in their dashing raids; fought at Somerville, Hatchie River, Moscow, Columbia, Franklin and Nashville, and everywhere the regiment added to the laurels already won. The testimonials of his commanding officers show that Private (afterwards Sergeant) Morris, was ever foremost in all posts requiring cool courage and reckless daring. While near Somersville, Tenn., dressed in citizens clothes, he captured a rebel captain, and near Ripley, Miss., himself and a comrade overhauled and captured two rebel officers. On another occasion he pursued a mounted rebel with only a small revolver, overhauled him and presented his weapon when the rebel exclaimed: "I'll surrender!" almost instantly thereafter, grasping the muzzle of the revolver, and presenting his own shot-gun at Morris, who shot the rebel so seriously that he died the next day. Mr. Morris takes pride in relating the incidents of camp and field life, especially the recovery of his favorite horse, which had been captured by Saul Street, the noted guerrilla, Street himself being captured with the horse, by the One Hundred and Third Illinois regiment, and the steed turned over to his rightful owner. When but a boy seventeen years old, he came to Kansas and settled in Linn County, this being the fall of 1857. At that time John Brown and James Montgomery were stirring up the pro-slavery men in that section. United States Deputy Marshal Russell, of Arkansas, came up and organized two companies in Linn and one in Bourbon County. Nathaniel Morris went into company No. 2, and went through the Jayhawker War. They had two skirmishes with John Brown, both on Big Sugar Creek. There was but one man killed in this war, and that was a captain, who was shot when getting a gun out of a wagon to shoot a prairie chicken.

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Marriage Licenses

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Herbert R. Levick,
Seneca 23
Alice G. Hobbs
25

William Calnan,
St. Bridget
45
Ella T. Moriarty,
Axtell 28

Wilbur W. Flower,
Centralia 21
Dora A. Martin,
Vermillion
19

H. G. Campbell,
Seneca 37
Mrs. Emma J. Cross
29

Illinois Township

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to look after a half section of land as pastime. He was born in Missouri, and twenty-six years ago came to Kansas.

R. B. Clark has only been in Kansas four years, but from his conversation one imagines him to be a full blooded Jayhawker. He has an 80-acre garden spot in Nemaha county and a farm of 412 acres in Pottawatomie county.

The Payne brothers, Charles and John, are natives of Hoosierdom and came to Kansas eighteen years ago. They are among the most substantial farmers of this township, each having 240 acres of Nemaha county land, and 240 acres each in Chase county. They are also politicians of fist water. J. L. Payne last year was elected trustee of the township, which is overwhelmingly republican.

Virginia is the native home of E. D. Nickell, but he left his home twenty-three years ago and came to Kansas. Mr. Nickell is an enthusiastic democrat and feels sure that Nebraska will send her favorite son to the presidential chair.

F. A. Dabner is one of the old settlers. He came from his native state of Illinois to Kansas forty-two years ago and has lived through all the troublous times of bleeding Kansas. Mr. Dabner has a fine 100-acre home, and surrounded by his interesting family he is enjoying life as only the Kansas farmers can.

One of the enthusiastic young democrats of Illinois township is Ira Holsapple. Mr. Holsapple was born in Missouri and has been a resident of Kansas for fifteen years.

Johnson Miller is one of the old settlers of this township. He came to Kansas in 1859. Mr. Miller was here when Kansas made a reputation for herself. He is a native of Indiana, and his life long occupation has been that of a farmer, but for several years he has been living a retired life.

A great many times a man never leaves the land of his birth, and such is the case with E. S. Read. Mr. Read was born and raised in Mitchell township, and although he tried other places, he never found any place that suited him as well as Nemaha county.

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Oneida and Her People

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A. W. Turck

A. W. Turck was born among the rocks and hills of the Empire state that have been made famous by the classic stories of Washington Irving. Mr. Turck never had the pleasure of meeting old Wash., nor did he ever become acquainted with Ichabod Crane, and Rip Van Winkle was still asleep in the mountains when he left New York. For nineteen years the gentle zephyrs of Kansas have coyed with the lilacs on his "physiog," and though he has reached a ripe old age he is still in full vigor of manhood and is conducting the only livery business in Oneida. He is one of the best judges of horse flesh in this county, and has probably bought and sold more horses than any other man in this part of the state.

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Sts. Peter and Paul's

(Written by Rev. Pirmine Koumley, O. S. B., Founder and first Pastor.)

Before the summer of 1869 there was no Catholic church in Seneca. The few Catholics who lived in and near Seneca attended church on Wild Cat creek, four miles northwest of Seneca whenever services were held there. P. Pirmine M. Koumley, O. s. B., Atchison, held monthly services in St. Mary's on Wild Cat, beginning in January, 1867. Once in a while Mass was celebrated in Seneca in the home of Matthias Stein.

Up to 1869 there were only about 10 Catholic families in and near Seneca. Bishop J. B. Miege S. J. frequently expressed the wish to see a church built in Seneca and requested Matthias Stein, oldest Catholic immigrant in Seneca, a good religious, generous man, to purchase a piece of property.

In April, 1869, the district school house, and the entire block in Seneca was put up for sale. Mr. Stein decided to buy the property. He got the entire block for $1,000. The Protestants in Seneca looked with favor upon the effort of the Catholics and assisted them in every possible way. Some of the first subscribers were Matthias Stein, Fred Fischer, Louis McGowan, Peter McQuaid, John Spielman, Peter P. Lierz, Tom Morgan, Anton Kablitz Jr., Peter J. Assenmacher, John Lach, Anton Koblitz, Sr., John Stahl and these Protestants: J. P. Taylor, Levi Hensel, Leopold Cohen, Isaac Friend, Abijah Wells, Abraham Kyger, J. W. Tuller, J.C. Hebbard, Dickinson & Cowdrey, Samuel Lappin, C. G. Scrafford, H. Lanham, John Peckham, J. P. Cone, Alberta Clark, R. E. Nelson, Ed. Ingram, Dr. Fessenden, Jacob Meisner.

Catholics and Protestants contributed $695.50.Of this amount $640 was paid to the school district and the remainder was for an alter and fittings. The deed for the church and block was made out in the name of St. Benedict's College, Atchison. In June, Mr. Stein and Mr. Fischer began remodeling the school for a church. Both worked many days without pay.

The first service in the church was on July 11, 1869. P. Louis Fink, prior of Atchison, blessed the church which was named Sts. Peter and Paul. He preached an English sermon because there were so many Protestants present. Rev. P. Pirmine, O.S.B. sang High mass. Daniel Huhn, teacher and organist, arrived a few days before and played the organ which was loaned by Mr. Stein. Services were held in Seneca on the second Sunday in September and November.

Near the end of 1869 and during 1870 many Catholics moved to Seneca from all parts of the Union. In 1870, P. Louis M. Fink, O. S. B., prior in Atchison published many articles in the newspapers of the country, urging and encouraging people to move to Seneca. So successful were his efforts that in the beginning of 1871 the parish numbered more than 80 families.

From January, 1870, Rev. Pirmine held monthly services in Seneca on the second Sunday.

Through the influence of Mr. Stein, a cemetery one-half mile north of Seneca, four acres, was donated by J. F. Meyer, Bernard Schmits, William Schmits, John Hinrichs, Bernard Kramer and F. B. Jansen.

In the spring of 1870 the need of a parish house became apparent. In May, 1870, a collection was taken up and in June a one story residence, 16 x 26, was put up on the northwest corner of the church grounds. In July, 1870 P. Pirmine moved in as first resident pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul parish.

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Red Vermillion

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On our way to Red Vermillion township we met F. H. **Norton.** Mr. Norton lives only a few miles south of Seneca. He is a native Kansan, born and raised in Nemaha County. He was employed for two years in the Missouri Pacific railroad shops at St. Louis, but quit on account of his failing health. Mr. Norton now enjoys good health.

P. M. **Lippy** came to Kansas from Ohio twelve years ago. His native land is Germany. Mr. Lippy is a good farmer and when his summer's work on the farm is done, he operates a hay baler.

As the sun was nearing the meridian we were nearing the home of Judge J. P. **Sams.** We found the Judge busy engaged making hay. Judge Sams was born in Indiana and came to Kansas with his parents in 1860. Judge Sams was elected probate judge in 1890 and served one term. Ever since he retired as probate judge he has been a regent of the State university and for the past six years he has been vice president of the board. We hope by the time the readers get this that Judge Sams will be the nominee for representative. If he is, he will see that "G. Pennyweight" Hayden gets a passage up salt stream. Judge Sams owns 240 acres of land on which he has built a beautiful and comfortable home.

J. F. **Sams** is one of those fellows you

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Red Vermillion

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don't meet every day. He was born on the farm he now lives on. Jim was one of Nemaha county's successful teachers. When we went to interview Jim, we found him seated on a mower behind a couple of thoroughbred mules that never saw Kentucky. He owns a nice 80 acres home and some future day we expect to see him the baron of all the domain around him.

Our first stop in Red Vermillion township was over night at the hospitable home of James E. **Williams**. When it comes to farming, stock raising and feeding, and politics, Mr. Williams is the king bee of the township. Last year Mr. Williams fed 200 head of cattle and has always more or less money in the business. During Clevland's administration when hard times was said to be riding rough-shod all over the country, prosperity fell all over herself trying to get into his door. Mr. Williams came to Kansas in 1871 from Missouri and located in Capioma township where he operated a threshing machine for a good many years. He now owns 240 acres of land on which he has built a most elegant home. He is a veteran of the civil war, he was engineer on a hospital train. Mr. Williams is one of the most enthusiastic democrats in the county.

W. D. **VanOrnam** came to Kansas fro Iowa in1873. He homesteaded 160 acres of land in Jewell county and lived there through drouth and grassfires.

Edward **Flaherty**, deceased settled in Red Vermillion township when the Indian and buffalo were its only other inhabitants. The Flaherty family still live in this township except Mrs. Michael Rogers who lives in Nemaha township. This family consists fo Edward, jr., **Nate** and George, and two girls Miss Ellen who is still at home and Mrs. M. **Rogers**. They have all seen the transformation of Kansas from almost a desert to the garden of the west.

James **O'Hara** is one of the boys who grew up in the "Sunflower" state. He has charge of his father's 160 acre farm and is farming it in a workmanlike manner.

The history of Red Vermillion township would be incomplete without the name of Harry C. **Whistler**. He came to Kansas from Wisconsin in1867 and was a railroad contractor for several years. He came west on the advice of his physician who said that he could not live very long, but the healthful climate of Kansas seemed to rejuvenate him and although an old man he is still vigorous and appears much younger than he really is. Mr. Whistler knows a good thing when he sees it and has acquired 240 acres of well improved land on which there is not a cent of indebtedness. He and his interesting family are very hospitable and we were made to feel at home when we stopped with him over night.

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Illinois Township

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Seneca Courier
Democrat
24 Aug 1900 to 11 Sept 1900

When a man comes from the sand hills of Nebraska, he knows good country when he sees it. Five years ago, W. J. **Grabenhorst** got all of his belongings together and left Brady Island, Nebraska, and started east. Being impressed with this part of the country he stopped, and during the past five years dame fortune has been smiling kindly on him, and if he is here at the end of the next five years he will be king over a 160-acre farm.

"enlisted in the 6th Michigan Calvery under General Alger"

One of the nicest farm homes it has been our good luck to stop at the dinner hour is owned by that hospitable old soldier, John **Irwin**. We often hear farmer boys complain and wish they lived in town, not only boys but some old men are anxious to get off the farm. No so with Mr. Irwin. Here he has a castle of his own; here dwells a family who are up-to-date, surrounded by all the luxuries and modern conveniences that the most fastidious could want. Mr. Irwin was born in New York and emigrated from there to Michigan, where he enlisted in the 6th Michigan cavalry under General Alger. Mr. Irwin thinks Gen. Alger was as brave as any general during the civil war.

Ohio sends her share of people who take up their abode in Kansas and become some of our best citizens. C. W. **McLaughlin** is a "Buckeye' by birth but has lived in Kansas for the past 10 years. Mr. McLaughlin is a young man and as the old saying is he has only been "doing for himself" for a few years, but he has the right kind of metal, and some day we expect to see him the Lord of a 100-acre farm.

Kansas in inhabited by people of all countries. Joseph **Brooks** was born in Canada, and came to Kansas in 1878. Mr. Brooks is the owner of an 80-acre farm, and from all appearances we would take him to be a tip-top farmer.

Away up in the picturesque scenery of Norway is the birthplace of Mrs. Julia **Funk**. But for the past twenty-two years she has been enjoying the exhilarating influence of Kansas climate. Mrs. Funk has a model farm of 160 acres which her son Charles has successfully managed for several years.

Geo. **Carter** is one of those wholesouled democratic Democrats with whom it is a pleasure to talk with especially from a political standpoint. He was born where a great many noted men first saw the light – England. Mr. Carter is the possessor of 240 acres of Kansas dirt, and he seems to enjoy life and take things easy as they come.

Twenty years ago in Red Vermillion town-

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Second Five Hundred Names

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Courier-Democrat
Oct. 31, 1918

Partial List of September Registrants
Taken from the Cards in the Nemaha County Draft Records

The following is a list of the second five hundred Nemaha County men of the September 12,1918 registration of the ages between eighteen and forty-six with the order number, age and serial number of each.

The serial number determined the order in which each name was taken from the master list from Washington. The order number is the one that will determine how they will be called, the lowest order number first, subject of courts to the ages called for service. Men between the ages of thirty-six and forty-six are not subject to the first call. In order to distinguish this draft from any preceding or succeeding drafts each of these numbers will bear the letter "A' preceding. This identifies this draft in Washington and saves time in the government offices.

Order No.	Age	Serial No.	Name	Town
951	45	1446	John McManis	Goff
952	33	2028	Joseph Hunninghake	Baileyville
953	32	757	Ira C. Freel	Corning
954	18	1958	Grant Robins	Sabetha
955	39	812	Arthur J. Baxter	Seneca
956	35	1905	Peter J. Koch	Baileyville
957	43	447	Peter O. Caylor	Sabetha
958	39	1488	Con Williams	Goff
959	43	309	Howard L. Lines	Sabetha
960	33	1091	Carl E. Casey	Corning
961	42	90	Frank L. Cordon	Circleville
962	39	95	Louis E. DeJanes	Centralia
963	36	896	James Allison	Corning
964	32	1563	Carley Clarkson	Bancroft
965	43	1985	Henry L. Herr	Seneca
966	44	954	Joseph M. Wempe	Seneca
967	34	1622	Joseph J. Vorhes	Seneca
968	43	1105	Estel Halbert	Sabetha
969	44	128	Irda O. Darham	Baileyville
970	42	1365	John W. Lackey	Corning
971	39	702	George D. Spring	Bern
972	43	1394	Arthur A. Cox	Goff
973	20	1450	Santa S. Brammer	Sabetha
974	41	764	Raymond H. Nichols	Seneca
975	18	1810	Harvey E. Lukert	Sabetha

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Illinois Township

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ship, Elmer **Tripp** came upon the scene of action. His early life was spent in hunting bumble bees' nests and running races with the world famous jack rabbit. Mr. Tripp is a rattling good farmer, and politically he is about right according to our way of thinking.

"cool breezes tht come from Lake Michigan are quite different from the ones that sweep across the plains."

The cool breezes that come from Lake Michigan are quite different from the ones that sweep across the broad plains of Kansas, at least W. U. **Martsolf** thinks so. He is a native of the bay state, but has lived in bleeding Kansas for twenty years and for the past seven years has been a resident of Nemaha county. Mr. Martsolf is a republican although he lives on democratic row.

We arrived at the home of J. P. **Dam** in time to participate in an elegant dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Dam were both born in Denmark. They entertained us with an interesting description of the different islands that compose Denmark. They located in Kansas in 1879 coming from Illinois to this state. Mr. Dam owns a fine 80-acre farm and goes on the plan that "a little farm well tilled is better than a large farm half tilled." His crops and the neat appearance of his farm show that he is right.

Herman **Henning** was born in the Fatherland and when he first came to America, he located in Illinois, coming to Kansas in 1882. Mr. Henning holds a good title to 320 acres of the fertile soil of Nemaha County and is well prepared to take life easy.

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Oneida News

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Miss Essie Gilmore attended the Leslie-Snyder wedding at Seneca last Wednesday.

Ben Wilkinson, who for the past year has been in the employ of a northern telephone company returned home Sunday for a few days visit.

F. E. Wikoff and wife visited in Seneca last week.

Wm. H. Wright went down to Kansas City Tuesday to attend the democratic convention.

Jess Hagan came home Monday to spend the 4th. He has been in Republic county organizing lodges for the M.W.A. order.

Mrs. R. Shinn and Mrs. H. L. Wikoff spent last week at Beatrice, Neb., attending the Chautauqua.

Mrs. Tim Gilmore has been to Dieler, Neb., visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Briggs.

Miss Bertha Roberts, of Lawrence, after several weeks' visit in this vicinity, returned to her house the first of the week.

Most of the Oneidians celebrated the 4th in Sabetha.

Our city drug store is undergoing repairs.

The Tribune thinks that – Fuller, of Seneca comes to Oneida to take lessons in "didactics." Well, may be he does, but we can't see it that way.

Chas. Wilson, sr., was in St. Joseph last week on business.

Charley Bell put some fine peaches in the market this week.

Oneida News
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WPA Births 1909-1913

Continued from Nov. 2005

Father	Sex	Date	Place	Issue	Year
Deters, Frank, Jr.	girl	July 28	Baileyville	45	1913
Devore, Harry	son	June 14	Hale, Mo	13	1909
Devore, H. E.	son	Nov.	Corning	15	1909
DerVoss, Ed	girl	Nov. 25	Star District	6	1911
DeWitt, Arthur	girl	Aug. 5		43	1913
Dick, Wm	son	Sept.	Baileyville	51	1905
Dick, Henry	girl		St. Benedict	9	1903
Dick, John	son	Mar. 6	St. Benedict	21	1906
Dick, Henry	girl	Jan. 1		12	1906
Dick, Henry	son	Apr.		49	1909
Dick, Henry	son	Nov. 5	St. Benedict	4	1907
Dickson, Chas. M.	boy	Oct.	Corning	51	1903
Dickingson, James	son	Dec.		9	1907
Dickinson, James	girl	Mar.		49	1909
Dickinson, James	girl	June 25		37	1910
Diddle, Joseph H.	girl		Nortonville	13	1902
Diehm, C. L.	son	Jan. 9		12	1903
Dieker, Will	girl	Apr		26	1902
Dignan, Edward	son	Feb.		49	1909
Dignan, Ed	(died)			18	1909
Diggs, J. R.	son	Dec.	America City	15	1909
Dillehay, Ira	son	June	Vermillion	36	1911
Dix, H.	son		Woodlawn	21	1904
Dodwell, Harry	girl	Apr. 28	Goff	28	1903
Domer, Andy	son	Dec		5	1903
Donahue, Jas.	Son	Oct.	Centralia	51	1903
Donann, Anthony	son	Sept. 17	Centralia	50	1911
Donaldson, Adam				34	1904
Donaldson, Adam	girl	Feb. 21	Kelly	13	1909
Dorst, H. A.	son	Dec.	Goff	8	1903
Downey, Thos.	Son	Oct. 21	Winside, Mich	13	1909
Downey, Walter B.	son			17	1904
Downing, Fred	girl	March	Corning	25	1906
Draige, Remer	son	Feb.	Corning		
Draney, Wm	son	Jan.	Oneida	17	1905
Draney, Robert	girl	Feb. 26	Oneida	22	1912
Wm. Draney	girl	July 28		42	1911

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WPA Index Cards To Seneca Newspapers Located in the Seneca Free Public Library.

Biographical Sketches

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Wetmore, Kansas

From "Nemaha County, Kansas" Andreas History of Kansas

HON. WILLIAM **MORRIS**, was born in 1820, in Edwardsville, Ill. He came to Kansas in 1854, from Galesburg, Ill., and made a claim near Mound City, Linn County, only eighteen miles from the Kansas home of John Brown, with whom he became well acquainted. Brown used to call the three Morris brothers, George, William and James, the 'three suckers.' William Morris returned to Illinois in 1858, and lived in Knox County, till March, 1863, when he brought his family again to Kansas, and settled on a farm three miles east of Wetmore, where he located in 1868, and built the third store in the town, his brother Nathaniel and himself doing business together as 'Morris & Bro.,' until they were burned out in 1870. Each then built a store, and resumed business for himself. At the end of four years William Morris bought a farm northwest of Wetmore, which he sold in 1877. And packing all his earthly possessions returned with his family to Illinois, which State he traversed thoroughly without finding a location that suited him as well as in Kansas. Returning to Wetmore he bought a number of lots and built the store now occupied by Frager & De Forest, and was in business with Mr. Frager two years, then sold out and built two adjoining stores to the north. For the past three years Mr. Morris has lived quietly enjoying the comforts of his elegant home in the town. He came to the State in 1854, a staunch Democrat, but became a Republican within a fortnight, thanks to the Missouri Democracy then dominant. In 1869 he represented his district in the Kansas Legislature, and prior to that was a Commissioner of Brown County. Mrs. Morris was Eliza Stump, of Knox County, Ill. They have one daughter now with them in Wetmore.

JOHN RADFORD, **JEWLER**, was born in 1836, in Devonshire, England, went to London in 1846, and for a few years was glad to subsist by doing anything to which he could honorably turn his hand, and by which he could turn a penny. Determined to secure an education he attended night schools, lyceums, and mechanics' institutes, etc., and his conversation and writings to-day show that the time was not misspent. For seven long years he was apprenticed to an enameler and engraver, at which trade he worked twelve years in all. Liberal ideas, socially, politically and religiously, early found lodgment in his brain, and a ready and energetic champion in his tongue and pen. "Bronterre O'Brien" was a coworker and in-

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timate friend. 'The Mutual Land Emigration and Co-operative Colonization Company (Limited),' was the rather pretentious name of an organization formed by the labors of James Murray and John Radford in London, in 1868. One pound shares were issued, and each member allowed to won not to exceed fifteen shares. The idea briefly stated, was for the company to buy land in one of the new American States, and to lease the same to actual settlers, who were to be reasonably well paid for developing the raw land into farms. A tract of 729 acres was bought in Harrison Township, Nemaha County, Kan., and in 1869 six families, most of whom are now counted among our wealthiest and best people, like the Fullers, Stowells, Edgingtons, Radfords, etc. The grasshopper plague of 1874 'wound up' the colony affairs; a Mr. Willson, a liberal-minded English gentleman taking the land off the hands of the embarrassed colonists. Mr. Radford came over in 1874 as Organizing Agent, by special vote of the Association, but his efforts availed but little, "land was too cheap all around us" he says. After a few years of hard struggling, working at gardening, farming, engraving, and as a jeweler, he has finally located his large farm in Harrison (bought of Mr. Wilson), and opened up a very fair jewelry business in Wetmore. He had eight children by his deceased wife, Mary Days, who died in 1878. The present Mrs. Radford was Maria Slark.

DON C. **RISING**, the eldest son of N. H. Rising, deceased, was born in 1844, and came to Kansas with the family in 1858; crossed the prairies in 1860; rode pony express for the stage company in the winter of 1862; was made assistant wagonmaster in the United States service, and in 1862, was a Isle No. 10, Pittsburg Landing, Shiloh, Tuscumbia and Corinth; Kansas, and that year went with a train of 185 wagons from Ft. Leavenworth to Mexico; was then in Granada, Kan., until 1866, part of the time in mercantile business, then in same occupation in Wetmore till 1871. That year he began railroading again, and followed it as brakeman and conductor on the Santa Fe & Missouri Pacific roads till 1875, and since that time in the stock business in Wetmore. From October, 1879, to April, 1882, he kept the Wetmore Hotel. Mrs. Rising was Mary C. Shuemaker, daughter of Peter Shuemaker, a very early settler of Granada, Kan.; and they have three children

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Wetmore, Kansas

From "Nemaha County, Kansas" Andreas' History of Kansas

History of Local Churches

Continued from Nov. 2005

Courier-Tribune
Anniversary Edition
1938

Sts. Peter and Paul

"written by Rev. Pirmine Coumley, O.S.B., Founder and first Pastor."

In September, 1870, a parish school was started. Already, in June of that year, Rev. Pirmine had laid plans to finance it. Every member of the parish was taxed 25¢ monthly and for each child in school the tax was $1. At the end of 1870 the average attendance was 25. Most of the families that lived in the country could not send their children on account of the distance. Of those who lived in town, all sent their children except two. Daniel Huhn was the first teacher and under him the children made wonderful progress. He was an excellent teacher and played the organ for the Sunday services.

From a Jubilee program, issued by the State convention of Catholic Societies in session in Seneca in 1930, the following is also gleaned:

"William Luckeroth was the first infant baptized after the parish was started. He was baptized June 11, 1869. That year, there were six baptisms, in 1870, thirty five, andin 1919, fifty-nine. The first marriage record is that of Lawrence Hammes and Cahterine Lindemann. That took place Oct. 12, 1869. Witnesses were Mathias Stein and Elizabeth Stein. In 1869 there were two marriages. In 1870, three, in 1871, eleven and in 1929, twenty-one. The first death record is that of Francis Joseph Mueller. He died Sept. 6, 1875."

"The earliest entry in the baptismal record is that of August Wuester, who was baptized by Rev. Severin Rotter, O.S.B., June 12, 1861."

"Nov. 12, Rev. John Meurs baptized Anna Dick, daughter of John Dick. He tended to the above stations, till January, 1865. Jan. 15, 1865, Rev. Thomas Bartl, O.S.B. baptized Joseph Coffey. He remained only one year. April 24, 1866, John William Connell was baptized by Rev. Albert Heimann, Carmelite. He remained till Jan. 1868, when Father Pirmine came. From June, 1868, the entire territory was taken care of by the Benedictine Fathers from Atchison. From 1861 up to 1900 the following names of priests appear on the batptismal record: Severin Rotter, John Meurs, Albert Heimann, Thomas Bartle, Pirmine Koumly, Timothy Luber, Emmanuel Hartig, Suitbert Demartteau, P. Casimir, Boniface Verheyen, Eugene Bode, Coleman, Fridolin Meyer, Joseph Sittenauer, Longinus Neu, Peter Kassens, Marian Beyerl, Gerard Heinz, Raphael Wiffenbach, Eugene Phelan, Herman Mengwasser, Augustine Baker, Matthias Stein, Stanislaus Altman, Benno Feser, Denis Murphy, Winifred Schmidt and Charles Stocckle"

The cornerstone of the second church was laid April 12, 1886 and formerly dedicated on May 22, 1887. Rt. Rev. Innocent Woif, D.D., Abbot of St. Benedict's College, celebrated Pontifical mass. Rev. J. Phichler of Hanover gave the sermon. A. Bohemian sermon was given in the afternoon by Father Gaydedechek.

The church was almost completely destroyed in the tornado of 1896. The steeple and a number of beautiful windows were demolished, a total loss of $20,000. A school building that had been started was delayed in building. It became the duty of the pastor, Boniface, to rebuild the church and it was enlarged to its present size. Church property includes the Auditorium, built during the administration of Father Lawrence, the parish house and the parish school.

Pastors who have served in recent years include Father Lawrence, Thomas, Gabriel, Cyril, Joseph, Hilary, Edgar, Raymond and the present pastors, Damian and Claude.

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